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Shell-shocked Tories call leadership into question

By Philip Webster
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JOHN Major's leadership was called into question last night amid a wave of recriminations over the Conservative party's most calamitous electoral showing for decades.

Only a year after his triumphant election victory the prime minister was being urged by ministers and MPs to take a grip on his government and policies.

As he faced his worst crisis of confidence since taking over as Tory leader in 1990 Mr Major came under renewed pressure from demoralised MPs to use an early cabinet reshuffle to drop Norman Lamont and bring in new blood to revive the government's fortunes.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer was again emerging as the favoured sacrifice of shell-shocked Tory MPs casting around for explanations for the government's rout in the Newbury by-election and the shire county elections. But their calls for the removal of Mr Lamont were being widely interpreted as coded criticisms of the prime minister himself.

As the Euro-sceptics blamed his attachment to Maastricht for the government's dreadful performance, loyalist ministers voiced fears that Mr Major's Euro-enemies would exploit his vulnerability to try to organise a leadership challenge against him.

While it was regarded as unlikely that they could raise anything like the level of support needed to mount a formal campaign, senior backbenchers feared that even an attempted challenge would lead to civil war in the party at Westminster.

A foretaste came yesterday as David Mellor, the former cabinet minister, attacked the Euro-sceptic "party within a party" which had aggravated the election setbacks by its actions. He said it had created disunity because of anti-federalist views but had handed Newbury on a plate to the one party in the UK that was avowedly federalist. "If the Tories' secret weapon is loyalty, Bill Cash and his chums have a damned funny way of showing it," he wrote in the *London Evening Standard*.

Mr Lamont responded last night with a speech in which he pledged that the economy was well-placed for sustained growth. He denied in Birmingham that he had been "triumphalist" in proclaiming the end of the recession, but acknowledged that the elections had given the government another clear reminder of the pain and difficulties of the recession.

Senior ministers close to Mr Major admitted that one factor in the county elections had been the perceived weakness of the prime minister to hold together a party torn apart by Maastricht. The treaty was hardly in itself an issue in the elections but voters were angry over the apparent obsession of the political world with Maastricht at a time when they felt its attention should have been on the economy, ministers from the Tory heartlands said.

Mr Major said there were "no excuses" for the Tory performance which saw them lose control of all the shire countries except Buckinghamshire and suffer defeat at Newbury by the sensationally wide margin of 22,055, one of their worst by-election displays since the second world war.

It was a superb night for the Liberal Democrats who took Newbury, won control of Somerset and Cornwall, and had a net gain of 381 seats. Labour, starting from a stronger base, also exceeded expectations, taking control of Northamptonshire to bring a total of 14 counties under its domination, and gaining 92 seats across the country.

After talking over the results with Sir Norman Fowler, the Conservative chairman, at 6.15am the prime minister faced the press at the first opportunity to admit: "People were determined to give the government a bloody nose and that, in practice, is what they did last night."

Michael Colvin, Tory MP for Romsey and Waterside, said: "Mr Lamont is now a political liability. I think he should be sacked — his time is up." Mr Lamont was not the only minister in the firing line. John Patten, the education secretary, was being urged to bow to pressure to drop this summer's tests of 14-year-olds which are bringing the government into conflict with parents as well as teachers.

The first test of backbench loyalty, and resolve, will come on Monday when the Commons debates the budget plans to impose VAT on fuel bills, a big source of unpopularity during the elections.

John Smith, the Labour leader, and Paddy Ashdown, for the Liberal Democrats, rejected the idea of a formal alliance to take on the Tories, but their parties accepted the reality of informal deals.

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SIMON WALKER



Morning after: Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, relives a triumphant night with David Rendell, Newbury's new MP, and his wife, Sue

Jobs lost at base

Nearly 580 civilian jobs in John Major's constituency were put at risk yesterday with the announcement that the Americans are to close down their operations at RAF Alconbury in Cambridgeshire. The base employs 479 defence ministry civilians, including 11 police officers, and 97 US-employed civilians.

Mackay crosses green line for talks on fugitive Nadir

By Angela Mackay and Michael Theodoulou

LORD Mackay, the Lord Chancellor, has crossed the "green line" dividing Cyprus to make an unprecedented personal request to the Turkish side for the return of Asil Nadir, the fugitive businessman, to Britain.

The United Kingdom's most senior legal officer met Rauf Denktas, the Turkish Cypriot leader, on Thursday night, a day after he had rejected a similar demand by David Dain, the British high commissioner in Nicosia.

A British official said: "Mr Denktas said he understood the points Lord Mackay made, but explained that as Britain did not recognise Northern Cyprus and there was no extradition treaty, there was no legal way he could hand Mr Nadir over."

He added: "There are substantive daily contacts to underline our message that we want Mr Nadir returned. We're letting them know it's a problem that won't go away."

The atmosphere at Lord Mackay's meeting with Mr Denktas, which took place in a room at the former British high commission, was described as "good, but very serious indeed".

Later, Lord Mackay, in sombre mood, left for a private dinner in Nicosia. But if diplomatic tensions were running high, it was impossible to judge when he, Mr Dain, and Mr Denktas were thrown together again again at a social function at which it is understood the Nadir issue was not raised.

The Lord Chancellor, in Cyprus by sheer coincidence to attend a Commonwealth lawyers' conference, is due to leave the island today as he had planned before the Nadir fiasco blew up.

Mr Nadir, the founder and former chairman of Polly Peck, the collapsed fresh fruit, hotels and electronics group, jumped bail of £3.5 million when he flew secretly to Cyprus via France and Turkey on Tuesday night. He had been charged with theft of more than £30 million from the company.

In London yesterday, Candemir Onhon, the Turkish ambassador, was called to the Foreign Office and asked by Tristan Garel-Jones, a minister of state, to help return Mr Nadir to British jurisdiction. Mr Garel-Jones said the matter was of great urgency and importance. Mr Onhon said he would try to have an answer from Ankara by Monday.



Mackay: sombre mood after meeting

Mr Nadir, at his first press conference in Cyprus, levelled a series of extraordinary allegations against the British government and its legal system which, he said, had forced him to flee.

He declared: "I do assure you it wasn't an easy decision to leave Great Britain, knowing as I do the consequences of jumping bail. But the chances of me receiving a fair trial were receding by the day. Ladies

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Owen calls for US troops in Bosnia

By Tim Judah in Belgrade and Michael Evans

AMERICAN troops should be sent to Bosnia to assist the United Nations aid operation, Lord Owen, the international peace negotiator, said in *London* yesterday, adding that such a move would "demonstrate Washington's commitment to ending the war".

America has so far refused to send ground troops to Bosnia, which has provoked criticism by Britain and France. Both countries are reluctant to support US calls for air strikes or other military intervention because of the potential risk to their aid-escorting troops.

Lord Owen said: "If the United States wants to have a firmer response and a greater involvement, there could be no more powerful statement than to make available two, three or four thousand contributors to the [UN] force with a humanitarian mandate."

US aircraft are flying aid into Bosnia and helping to enforce the no-fly zone. America also has warships in the Adriatic to enforce sanctions. But, on the ground in Bosnia, there are only a dozen staff officers at the UN protection force headquarters at Kiseljak.

A senior UN official said yesterday that planning had already begun to implement Thursday's security council resolution declaring Sarajevo and the Muslim enclaves of Gorazde, Zepa, Bihac and the town of Tuzla to be UN "safe areas". But Cedric Thornberry, deputy head of the UN in former Yugoslavia, gave a warning that the 9,000 UN troops in Bosnia were already stretched and going through "an extremely dangerous time". Of the proposed increase of 50 in the size of the UN force, he said with some irony: "That's very nice."



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Couple die in store fire

By Stewart Tendler

FIRE investigators were last night examining how a blaze broke out in the busy Littlewoods store in Chesterfield, Derbyshire, sending smoke billowing over shoppers and killing an elderly couple.

Staff and shoppers were rescued by firemen from window ledges. Thirty-four people were taken to hospital, mainly suffering shock and smoke inhalation. One person was reported to be in a serious condition.

Fire officers confirmed the store did not have sprinklers for which there is no legal requirement. The store did have a current fire certificate and an automatic fire alarm connected to the fire service.

The elderly couple, who have not been named, died on the first floor, where the fire is thought to have started. They were found together near an escalator. The man may have been disabled.

Littlewoods promised to take any necessary steps to improve safety in their other stores.

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Fountain closed by Legionnaires scare

By James Landale

THE fountains in Trafalgar Square were turned off yesterday after a man died from Legionnaires' disease in central London. Two other people who were infected have recovered from the disease, which usually spreads through airborne water vapour.

Environmental health officers from Westminster council have ordered 43 buildings in the Leicester Square area to close their water-cooled air-conditioning systems until they have been cleaned and disinfected. Hospitals have been put on the alert but they have found no new cases.

"The fountain at Trafalgar Square has been emptied as a precautionary measure, at the request of Westminster City Council," a spokesman for the National Heritage department said. "But there is no suggestion that the fountains are the source of infection." The death comes after a similar outbreak in the Piccadilly Circus area killed five people in 1989.

Companies face prosecution and compensation claims if an outbreak starts in their air-conditioning systems. In 1991 a taxi driver sued the BBC for £26,000 after it was proved that he caught the disease while driving past BBC Broadcasting House during a Legionnaires' epidemic in 1988, in which three people died and 90 were infected.

The three people affected by the recent outbreak, who have not been named, all visited the Leicester Square/Piccadilly Circus area some days before the disease took effect between April 4 and April 13. One man died on April 18 but two others have been released from hospital.

Westminster council assured the public that it was safe to work in and visit Leicester Square/Piccadilly Circus and described the link between the disease and the area as "tenuous".

The council started testing the water systems for the bacteria last Tuesday and expects to have confirmed results within two weeks. It routinely inspects all water air-conditioning systems twice a year. However, since April 1, any premises with such a system must register with the local authority under new regulations of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974.

Although the source of the bacteria was unknown, a council spokeswoman said legal action could follow if guidelines laid down by the act had been broken.

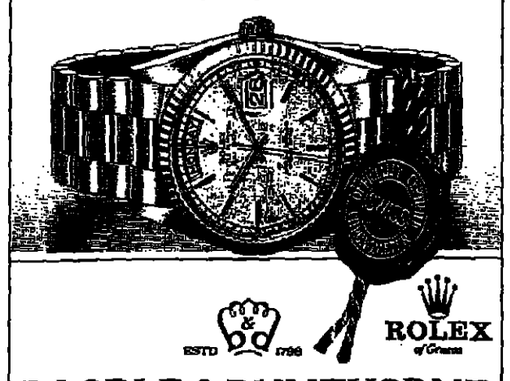
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Newbury's dyed-in-the-wool Conservatives vent fury over government's mistakes

Major strikes an upbeat pose

By John Shaw

THE sun was shining, the weekend beckoned, and John Major was trying desperately hard to sound upbeat in the wake of his disastrous "bloody nose" at Newbury.

The prime minister spent the day in his home territory of Cambridgeshire, which had slipped from the Tories' grasp to become a hung Labour-Lib Dem authority, and at the offices of Arthur Andersen in Cambridge, he launched an immediate counter-attack.

It was a bloody nose, he admitted to reporters, but it was also a reaction to the recession. That said, he and Mrs Major climbed into their official Jaguar to examine the area's sprouting green shoots. First came a visit to Marshalls of Cambridge, a group with sales of £250 million a year. The firm, employing 2,750, is

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a pillar of the Cambridge economy.

From there it was a short drive to inspect a huge aircraft hangar housing three TriStar jets. One is being converted to carry and launch a 24-ton three-stage Pegasus XL satellite rocket.

After posing for pictures, politics intruded again. "You said earlier the electorate had given you a bloody nose. How are you going to fight back?" a reporter asked.

"Oh, I think the recovery is coming," he said. "We see the recovery coming, and we'll take a note of what people have said, and ease it along."

He wore the air of an untroubled man, and one of the day's many grins came when Opposition suggestions were put to him that he had lost the country's confidence.

"They said that before the general election," the prime minister said. "My concern is less what Mr [John] Smith and Mr [Paddy] Ashdown say and more with making sure that we can make this recovery secure and sustainable. That is what I propose to bend my interest to."

Lord Taylor

Contrary to yesterday's report of the Court of Appeal's increase in the drink-driving penalties imposed on a motorcyclist, Lord Taylor of Gosforth, the Lord Chief Justice, far from "ignoring" or "overruling" the provisions of the Criminal Justice Act 1991, in fact followed and applied them. We apologise for this error. Letter, page 17.

JOHN STILLWELL



Pause for talk: reporters confront a seemingly untroubled John Major during his "green shoots" tour of Cambridge yesterday

'The whole country can't be wrong - we had better listen'

By Arthur Leathley

■ **Loyal Tories in Newbury are in little doubt that the prime minister should bear personal responsibility for defeat**

JULIAN Davidson will be desperate to forget yesterday's dawn chorus. As first light fell on Newbury, the racecourse centre that staged the by-election count resounded to Liberal Democrat chants of "Easy, Easy."

Had the crestfallen Tory candidate sought solace in West Berkshire Conservative Club, he would have met little but antagonism — and a remarkable sprinkling of the protest voters who had inflicted his humiliating defeat.

At midnight on Thursday, Newbury Conservatives gathered together in despondency as Liberal Democrats cheered the stream of councils slipping away from Tory control. By noon, the Conservative bar in Newbury was seething with invective against John Major, Mr Davidson, Norman Lamont and most of the cabinet. Dyed-in-the-wool Conservatives vented their fury on the government and prime minister for ignoring public opinion.

"He is dictatorial, out of touch and refuses to listen to what anyone says. The government has got so arrogant that they think they can never be wrong. Well, Newbury and the whole country can't be wrong and they had better take that message and do something about it," said Bolger-Ennis Castleford-Brown.

"In 13 months, John Major has set back the cause of the Tory party more than anyone has done for 50 years," said Douglas Biggs.

Others admitted that they had not supported Mr Davidson, in protest at the government's record since the election.

David Rendel's victorious Liberal Democrat cavalcade basked in the sunshine and in the glory of Thursday night's extraordinary events. The over-cautious Liberal camp had begun to betray optimism four hours before their golden moment arrived soon after 4am, as predictions of the scale of victory fluttered around the Berkshire Suite counting station.

Crude estimates of the majority, based on the piles of the long lilac voting papers lying on counting tables, rattled through the thousands. A guess of 3,000 quickly tumbled as 5,000 tripped off the tongue, first as rumour, then as unconfirmed fact.

The estimate stuck defiantly at 8,000 until word-of-mouth elevated it into five figures two hours before the declaration. That seemed enough to sate the media's appetite for sensation.

When the figure reached 22,000, the waiting hordes could only guffaw at the idiocy of such a projection. The laughter soon subsided into stunned silence.

Even Paddy Ashdown became confused when told of the huge majority. He initially assumed that the 22,000 figure was a disappointingly low level of support for his party, although even that would have defeated the Tories comfortably. When Mr Ashdown strode into town in celebration yesterday, he was certain that an era of consensus government beckoned.

However, the briefly famous Newbury electorate seemed less certain that it wanted all that political and media attention.

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Tortoise transforms into hare

By Nicholas Wood
Political Correspondent

THE WINNER

DAVID Rendel won not only the Newbury by-election but also a personal tussle with Julian Davidson, his Conservative opponent.

Mr Rendel, 44, an old Etonian, made a hesitant start, appearing initially as a somewhat wooden figure, ill at ease with the cut and thrust of the London media. But as the Liberal Democrat campaign gathered momentum and Mr Davidson stumbled over the Budget, crime and the disputed inquest into the recession, the centre party candidate grew in confidence.

By the end of the second week, Mr Rendel was able to move smoothly through Newbury market, finding well-wishers at every turn. The weekend opinion poll suggesting that he was heading for a handsome victory boosted his confidence and that of his canvassers.

Mr Rendel, a full-time Newbury town councillor for six years and a former management consultant, had twice fought the seat at a general election. His strong local roots were an additional asset. So was the role of his wife Susan, as a family doctor in the town.

Mr Davidson, 30, a director of his family firm, was a surprise choice as the Tory candidate. He was selected by the local party in preference to John Maples, the polished former Treasury minister who lost his south London seat at the general election.

Mr Davidson, a member of Somerset County Council since 1989, was handicapped by his lack of local links. He made a promising initial impression as he presented himself as the man to keep the local and national economic recovery on track.

He found it hard to maintain this bullish tone once the Institute of Directors challenged his assertion that the recovery was the result of government economic policy and not of its reversal last September when the pound was devalued. He also wobbled over Budget decisions to extend VAT to domestic fuel bills and to raise national insurance.

Mr Davidson's reluctance to take his campaign to the doorstep and to tangle with disgruntled Tory voters also became a campaign issue.

Leaders give hint of closer co-operation

By Jill Sherman and Sheila Gunn

FACTS

JOHN Smith and Paddy Ashdown yesterday ruled out any formal electoral pacts while accepting that their parties would work much closer together in local government.

The Labour leader said that the council elections, in which his party gained 93 seats, proved that Labour was the only alternative party of government. "This shows that those who still claim that Labour cannot win the next general election by itself are talking nonsense," Mr Smith said. "The Liberal Democrats may have won in Newbury but Labour won in the country."

Mr Smith, who claimed that Labour had done much better than it had anticipated, dismissed suggestions that the only way to remove the Tories from power was to have pacts with the Liberals. "I don't need to be persuaded not to go into pacts because we are not in favour of going into them anyway," he said at a press conference at Transport House.

Margaret Beckett, deputy Labour leader and a strong opponent of proportional representation, said: "We are now the only alternative government on any measure you like."

Mr Ashdown also dismissed the idea of formal pacts but said that he saw the election results as an endorsement of his view that Britain was moving towards a more pluralist political system, requiring "partnerships" between a range of parties, and away from two-party control.

Mr Ashdown later insisted that co-operation between the parties on local councils worked. "Of course that will happen — and it will happen increasingly in the future," he said.

Tony Newton, leader of the Commons, interviewed on BBC Radio 4's *The World at One*, said that where hung councils had occurred, the best thing for all parties involved was to "look at working together in a way that is best for the people in the county in the new circumstances".

Earlier, Jack Straw, Labour's local government spokesman, challenged Michael Howard, environment secretary, to clarify his party's position on pacts. "Will you now be issuing advice to Conservative groups not to enter into any arrangements with other parties? If not, what criteria will you set out for pacts and deals with other parties?"

Liberal Democrat aides privately expect an increase in many areas in "understandings" between Liberal Democrat and Labour activists to oust the Conservatives.

But they rule out any prospect of a more formal anti-Tory alliance.

Bookies still bet on Tory win at general election

John Major sounded appropriately humble yesterday. Democracy, he said, is "there to tell governments when people are concerned". That was in contrast to his dismissive remarks after the Tories' defeat at Ribble Valley two years ago about the Liberal Democrats being a dustbin for protest votes.

The public, he argued, was "determined to give the government a bloody nose". But are the Tories' wounds more serious than that? And do they require drastic remedies? The Tories' rout in Newbury and in the county elections cannot be dismissed as just a passing setback. At the next general election the Tories might even recapture Newbury, though David Rendel, its new Liberal Democrat MP, has plenty of time to dig himself in. Nonetheless, the scale of Tory losses has a message for Mr Major, as he recognised yesterday. It is not inevitable that the Tories will reverse all of their losses.

The scale of the anti-Tory swing in Newbury was near a post-war record in a seat the party was defending, especially in view of the high turnout, while the county results were the worst since the current structure was created 20 year ago.

Consequently, there was a distinctly jittery reaction yesterday from Tory MPs, who do not all display the public unflappability of Sir Norman Fowler, the Tory chairman. Their worries are likely to be reinforced when they hear the complaints of constituency stalwarts who have lost their council seats in counties that have never known anything other than Tory control.

The government's current unpopularity runs deep. Throughout the Tory heartlands, many normally loyal supporters stayed at home or deserted. The MORI poll for *The Times* a week ago provided several pointers to Thursday's results. Although the end of the recession has boosted optimism, it has not yet revived the low ratings of the government and Mr Major. The events of the past year have left deep scars. The government has appeared weak. While personally liked, the prime minister is no longer respected by many.

The reaction of Tory leaders yesterday was predictable: the results were a vote about the past. So the party should keep its nerve and wait for the government to deliver sustained economic recovery. There was no suggestion of a fundamental change of direction. The government has little choice but to persevere with Maastricht.

The Tories' predicament is, however, about more than the state of the economy. The word from Tory MPs is that Mr Major, and the government, need to show a firmer grip and lead. There is inevitably also talk about the need for a reshuffle in July. Until now, Mr Major has wanted to leave heads of departments in place. Changes could also create rather than resolve problems, and leave an impression of panic. But political pressures over the next few weeks could force a shuffle.

There will also be a flurry of speculation about a leadership challenge, although that need not be taken seriously this year. The key test for Mr Major will come next year after the local elections and the Euro-elections. If Tory fortunes have not improved within 18 months, he could be in serious trouble.

Thursday's results were more than just a protest against the Tory record. Labour did well, improving on an already strong showing in 1989. The party now has the largest number of county councillors and has achieved gains in some of its target parliamentary seats. Labour was the outright winner. That enabled John Smith to claim, almost defiantly, that Labour could win the next general election by itself, with the clear message that it needed no help from the Liberal Democrats. So talk of co-operation, let alone pacts, was ruled out.

However, both Mr Smith and Margaret Beckett seemed to be protesting a little too much. They cannot ignore the Liberal Democrats and pretend that Britain has returned to a two-party system. It has not. Many voters, especially in the rural areas and small towns of southern England, continue to regard the Liberal Democrats rather than Labour as the main alternative to the Tories.

The Liberal Democrats achieved the largest relative advance on Thursday. Even taking into account the reversal of their 1989 losses, they still gained many more seats than Labour did in both elections. The existence of the Liberal Democrats as a sizable third force may not in theory prevent Labour from winning on its own but will make its task more complicated by splitting the opposition vote. For all Mr Smith's self-confidence, talk of Lab-Lib co-operation will revive, and the two parties will have to work together at county level.

A divided opposition offers some consolation to Mr Major. While the weekend press is sure to make dire reading for him, the bookies still reckon the Tories will win the next general election.

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"They had killed that, and so I came here, so that I could at long last obtain for myself the basic human right to defend myself." Among his list of accusations was a claim that the Serious Fraud Office was so desperate to find evidence to support the charges of theft against him that it encouraged a separate criminal investigation into allegations that there was a conspiracy to try to bribe court officials involved in the case.

Scotland Yard yesterday confirmed that an investigation was being conducted into allegations that associates of Mr Nadir had set up a secret £3.5 million fund with which to bribe Mr Justice Tucker. There is no suggestion, however, that the judge was contacted by the alleged plotters.

Earlier yesterday on Greek Cypriot television, Lord Mackay rejected criticism of the legal system made by Mr Nadir when he fled. The mystery surrounding Mr Nadir's departure continued yesterday when it emerged that Ramadan Guney, the wealthy Turkish Cypriot cemetery owner, made an application to the Old Bailey last week to withdraw as surety for £1 million of Mr Nadir's £3.5 million bail.

Mr Guney, said by the Serious Fraud Office to have tipped it off early on Sunday morning that Mr Nadir was likely to flee, withdrew his application just an hour before it was supposed to be heard by the recorder. Neither he nor his solicitor would comment yesterday, but a spokesman for the Old Bailey confirmed the sequence of events.

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CORRECTION

A report (April 8) stated that the Open Air Theatre in Regent's Park was temporarily closed. In fact, the theatre is never open from autumn to late spring, and the new season begins, as is customary, at the end of this month.

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Hung councils leave local politicians haggling over deals

BY RACHEL KELLY, SHEILA GUNN, JONATHAN PRYNN AND ARTHUR LEATHLEY

■ *Many county authorities that were once solid Conservative now face the unhappy prospect of sharing power*

COUNCILLORS swallowed their political pride yesterday and began talking with opposition members about sharing power in the record 28 local authorities left without one party exerting control.

Liberal Democrat and Labour councillors in particular will need to haggle over their working arrangements. Key bargaining points will be nominations to the Association of County Councils, which is most likely to be hung with Labour the largest single party, the chairmanships of committees, and the main policy changes.

However, many of the gainers in the main parties indicated yesterday that they would try to go it alone in the short term without overall control, rather than negotiate a pact with other parties.

County hall in **Bedford** was fielding calls from neighbouring former Tory citadels that fell to no overall control in Thursday night's bloodbath. The unexpected result in counties such as **Suffolk** has turned Bedfordshire into a kind of councils' advice bureau for authorities where Tory control has always been taken for granted.

Bedfordshire is well placed to give tips. Apart from a brief period of Tory control in the early 1980s, no party has had an outright majority there for 20 years and this week brought no change to that basic political fact of life. The Tories were able to set the budget this year with the help of a group of rebel Labour councillors.

Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, predicted a good working arrangement between the parties in councils with no overall control. "In that sense this will have marked an important change towards a culture of co-operation which my party is determined to be at the centre of," he said. "The public is beginning to understand that co-operation between parties provides better government."

In **Berkshire**, Liberal Democrat and Labour councillors will hold urgent talks over the weekend to decide the terms of their working arrangements for running the county council. The two parties formed an unofficial pact last year after ending the Conservatives' 103-year rule.

In **Avon** Labour remains the biggest single party in a hung council but has fallen well short of its hoped-for majority.

With none of the parties making a decisive breakthrough, all three group leaders agreed yesterday morning that the power sharing system that has operated in the county for the past four years is likely to continue through to the demise of the authority in three years. Pat Hockey, the Liberal Democrat leader, left open the door for a possible alternative arrangement but firmly ruled out any formal pacts with Labour.

In **Gloucestershire**, a disastrous night left the Tories nursing just ten seats on the 63-seat council, half the Labour tally and a third of the jubilant Liberal Democrat representation.

The result leaves the door open for the Liberal Democrats to form a minority administration on a hung council, although there is a theoretical possibility that Labour and the Conservatives could continue to agree to work together to keep the centre party out, the arrangement for the past two years.

John Sewell, the tired but jubilant Liberal Democrat leader, said yesterday that his group would quickly move to make political life impossible for the other parties if such a deal was struck.

In **Northamptonshire**, the Labour party has broken through to win an overall majority for the first time since 1977. But Jimmy Kane, the new ruling group's leader, immediately warned hung councils against becoming embroiled in pacts, partnerships or deals. "The only way is strong local government — trying to compromise just does not work."

In **Cambridgshire**, where the Tories lost control to a hung council, the Labour and Liberal Democrats had already come to a deal by yesterday afternoon even though their 21 seats each were less than the Conservative's 33. Janet Jones, the Labour leader, said: "We will be coming to an accommodation [with the Liberal Democrats] that will enable the council to work effectively. We have yet to consider the form the administration will take but we are likely to adopt the system when the council was last hung. This would mean joint spokespeople instead of committee chairpeople."

Surrey County Council, which has never experienced cross-party political cabals in the 103 years that the Tories have been in control, was coming to terms with its new status as a hung council. Michael Gammon, the Tory leader whose party was reduced to the largest group after he lost 22 councillors, rejected talk of pacts.

"That is highly unlikely," he said. "We are the largest party and should take on that responsibility. I don't like pacts because they destroy responsibility and accountability," he said. "I think there will be agreements on individual issues, rather than joint governing structure."

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Conservatives left with a single authority

English counties

AVON (NOC)
Lab 33, C 25, LD 18. Lab lose 3, C lose 8, LD gain 11. No change.

BEDFORDSHIRE (NOC)
Lab 31, C 28, LD 13, Ind 1. Lab gain 6, C lose 7, LD gain 3, Ind gain 1, Others lose 3. No change.

BERKSHIRE (NOC)
LD 33, Lab 24, C 16, Ind 2, R 1. LD gain 18, Lab gain 6, C lose 21, Ind gain 3, R lose 6. No change.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE (C)
C 39, LD 16, Lab 13, Ind 3. C lose 10, LD gain 10, Lab gain 1, R lose 2. No change.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE (NOC)
C 33, Lab 21, LD 21, Ind 1, R 1. C lose 13, LD gain 13. *C lose control to NOC.*

CHESHIRE (NOC)
Lab 35, C 22, LD 14. Lab gain 4, C lose 7, LD gain 4. No change.

CLEVELAND (Lab)
Lab 51, C 14, LD 12. Lab gain 3, C lose 5, LD gain 2. No change.

KEY TO PARTIES
C: Conservative
Lab: Labour
LD: Liberal Democrat
SD: Social Democrat
Lib: Liberal
Ind: Independent
Grn: Green
R: Ratepayers or Residents
PC: Plaid Cymru

CORNWALL (LD)
LD 42, Ind 21, Lab 8, C 6, Others 2. LD gain 14, Ind lose 4, C lose 8, Other lose 1. LD gain from NOC.

CUMBRIA (NOC)
Lab 39, C 27, LD 14, Ind 3. Lab gain 2, C lose 8, LD gain 11, Ind lose 4 No change.

DERBYSHIRE (Lab)
Lab 55, C 21, LD 7, Ind 1. Lab gain 3, C lose 5, LD gain 3, Ind lose 1. No change.

DEVON (NOC)
LD 40, Lab 21, C 19, R 5. LD gain 29, Lab gain 8, C lose 37, R gain 2, Ind lose 2. *C lose control to NOC.*

DORSET (NOC)
LD 38, C 29, Lab 6, Ind 4. LD gain 15, C lose 12, Ind lose 2. *C lose control to NOC.*

DURHAM (Lab)
Lab 56, C 6, LD 6, Ind 4. LD gain 2, C lose 1, Lab lose 1. *No change.*

EAST SUSSEX (NOC)
LD 30, C 22, Lab 18. LD gain 13, C lose 15, Lab gain 1. *C lose control to NOC.*

ESSEX (NOC)
Lab 33, C 33, LD 32, Ind 0. Lab gain 8, C lose 25, LD gain 17, Ind lose 1. *C lose control to NOC.*

GLOUCESTERSHIRE (NOC)
LD 29, Lab 19, C 12, Ind 2, *Others 1. LD gain 7, Lab gain 2,* C lose 11, Ind lose 2. No change.

HAMPSHIRE (NOC)
LD 48, C 29, Lab 24, Ind 1. LD gain 22, C lose 26, Lab gain 4. *C lose control to NOC.*

HEREFORD/WORCS (NOC)
C 25, Lab 24, LD 23, Ind 4. C lose 13, Lab gain 2, LD gain 11. No change.

HERTFORDSHIRE (NOC)
Lab 30, C 27, LD 19, Other 1. Lab gain 3, C lose 18, LD gain 14, R gain 1. *C lose control to NOC.*

HUMBERSIDE (Lab)
Lab 43, C 22, LD 10. Lab gain 4, C lose 8, LD gain 7. No change.

ISLE OF WIGHT (LD)
LD 28, C 9, Ind 6. LD gain 3, C lose 7, Ind gain 4. No change.

KENT (NOC)
C 41, Lab 30, LD 28. C lose 13, Lab gain 5, LD gain 9, Others lose 1. *C lose control to NOC.*

LANCASHIRE (Lab)
Lab 53, C 35, LD 10, vacant 1. Lab gain 4, C lose 5, LD gain 3. No change.

LEICESTERSHIRE (NOC)
Lab 37, C 31, LD 17. Lab gain 6, C lose 10, LD gain 6, Others lose 2. No change.

LINCOLNSHIRE (NOC)
C 32, Lab 25, LD 15, Ind 4. C lose 10, Lab gain 6, LD gain 3, Ind gain 1. *C lose control to NOC.*

NORFOLK (NOC)
C 34, Lab 32, LD 16, Ind 2. C lose 12, Lab gain 4, *LD gain 6, Ind* gain 2. *C lose control to NOC.*

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE (Lab)
Lab 36, C 27, LD 5. Lab gain 5, C lose 7, LD gain 3, Ind lose 1. *Lab gain control from NOC.*

NORTHUMBERLAND (Lab)
Lab 40, C 13, LD 11, Ind 2. C lose 3, LD gain 3, Ind gain 1. No change.

NORTH YORKSHIRE (NOC)
LD 35, C 29, Lab 23, Ind 9. LD gain 15, C lose 17, Lab gain 2, Ind gain 3, Others lose 3. No change.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE (Lab)
Lab 59, C 23, LD 6. Lab gain 10, C lose 11, LD gain 3, Ind lose 1. No change.

OXFORDSHIRE (NOC)
C 25, Lab 24, LD 20, Other 1. C lose 8, Lab gain 1, LD gain 7, Other gain 1, Ind lose 1. No change.

SHROPSHIRE (NOC)
C 26, Lab 23, LD 13, Ind 4. C lose 3, Lab lose 2, LD gain 4, Ind gain 1. No change.

SOMERSET (LD)
LD 41, C 13, Lab 2, Ind 1. LD gain 23, C lose 17, Lab lose 3, Ind lose 1. *LD gain control from C.*

STAFFORDSHIRE (Lab)
Lab 53, C 22, LD 4, Others 3, Ind 1. Lab gain 5, C lose 8, LD gain 2, Others gain 1. No change.

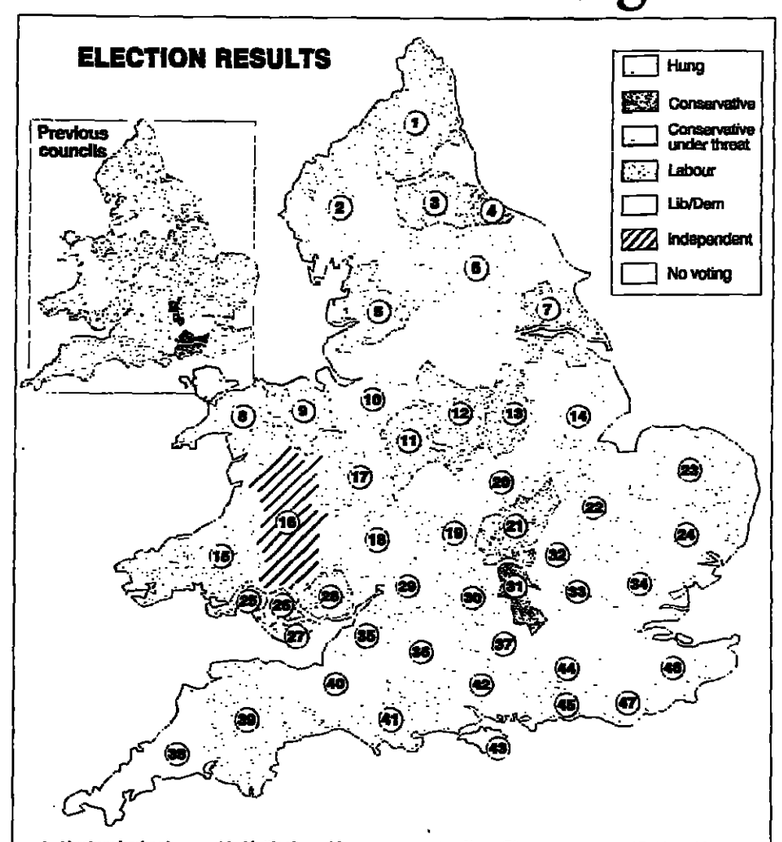
SUFFOLK (NOC)
Lab 31, C 26, LD 19, Ind 4. Lab gain 4, C lose 20, LD gain 15, Ind gain 1. *C lose control to NOC.*

SURREY (NOC)
C 34, LD 29, Lab 8, R 4, Ind 1. C lose 21, LD gain 19, Lab gain 1, R gain 2, Ind lose 1. *C lose control to NOC.*

WARWICKSHIRE (NOC)
Lab 30, C 19, LD 10, Ind 3. Lab gain 7, C lose 12, LD gain 6. *C lose control to NOC.*

WEST SUSSEX (NOC)
LD 34, C 26, Lab 10, Ind 1. LD gain 17, C lose 19, Lab gain 2, Ind gain 1. *C lose control to NOC.*

WILTSHIRE (NOC)
LD 33, C 18, Lab 17. Boundary change. C lose 20, Lab gain 2, LD gain 14, Ind lose 3. *C to NOC.*



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39 Devon
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42 Hampshire
43 Isle of Wight
44 Surrey
45 West Sussex
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47 East Sussex

Welsh counties

CLWYD (Lab)
Lab 32, Ind 17, C 8, LD 3, PC 3, Ind 1. C lose 2, Lab lose 2, LD lose 11, Ind gain 17PC gain 3, Other *lose 6. Boundary change.* No change.

DYFED (NOC)
Ind 31, Lab 22, LD 8, PC 7, R 1, C 1. Lab lose 7, LD gain 5, PC gain 3, *C gain 1, Other lose 1.* No change.

GWENT (Lab)
Lab 55, C 6, LD 1, PC 1. Lab gain 2, C lose 2, LD gain 1, PC gain 1, *Ind lose 1.* No change.

GWYNEDD (NOC)
Ind 27, PC 18, Lab 9, LD 7, C 1. Others lose 5, PC gain 6, Lab lose 3, LD gain 1, C gain 1, Others lose 5. No change.

MID GLAMORGAN (Lab)
Lab 60, PC 10, Ind 3, C 1. Lab lose 3, PC gain 3, Ind gain 1, C gain 1, LD lose 1, R lose 1. No change.

POWYS (Ind)
Ind 36, Lab 6, LD 4. LD gain 1, Lab gain 1, Ind lose 1. No change.

SOUTH GLAMORGAN (Lab)
Lab 40, C 12, LD 8, Ind 1. Lab lose 2, C lose 2, LD gain 3, Ind gain 1, PC lose 1. No change.

WEST GLAMORGAN (Lab)
Lab 46, Ind 7, C 3, LD 3, PC 1. Lab gain 2, C lose 3, LD gain 1, PC lose 1, Ind gain 1, Other lose 1. No change.

'Disgusted, Tunbridge Wells' turns on Tories

BY JONATHAN PRYNN

THE *Ramsgate* Popular Front may not yet be a political force to be reckoned with, but in Kentish terms a revolution swept through the Garden of England on Thursday.

Ever since Victorian reformers set up the county tier of local government in 1889, Conservatives have ruled at Maidstone's elegant county hall. After seeing their majority chipped away at the 1985 and 1989 local elections, Conservative hegemony finally came to a dramatic end after a 104-year unbroken reign, with the Tories ending the night 14 seats down.

One of the more popular victors was Cheryl Hall, the Labour candidate at Ramsgate South, who became a television star in the 1970s through her role as the girlfriend of the Tooting revolutionary, Citizen Smith.

While the depressed Thanet port may have been more predictably vulnerable to the

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anti-Conservative wave sweeping through the country, other results still had the power to stun the assembled media and politicians at Maidstone.

Tunbridge Wells has long enjoyed an image as an unshakeable bastion of Tory values. But on Thursday it was the government that disgusted the town's famous moaning letter-writers, with Tunbridge Wells Central falling to the Liberal Democrats.

The sense of fear from local Tory MPs was almost palpable as the results came in from 10.30pm onwards. Conservatives have not lost a parliamentary seat in Kent since the early 1970s, and they do not intend to start now. For Julian Brazier, the member for Canterbury, the reason for the disaster in Kent was national political problems such as the recession. For Andrew Rowe, Mid Kent MP, the distractions of Maastricht had fatally obscured the strength of the government's message on other issues.

Gap between Whitehall and town hall is set to widen

BY TONY TRAVERS

The concept of the Tory shires has finally been removed from the national vocabulary. Thursday's local elections saw Liberal Democrat and Labour councillors installed in county halls where, until recent years, there was no question that the Conservatives were the natural party of government.

Much will be written about the political importance of the 1993 county council elections, but it is important to remember that they were *local* elections. Despite the importance of national political issues, local views will have played their part in the results. Moreover, the new complexion of the shires will profoundly affect the way they use their resources and also how the government reacts to the fact that Tories have been removed from many of the local corridors of power.

The prime minister recently signalled that he wished to improve the relationship between Whitehall and the town halls. The fact that many county councils will now be led by opposition councillors means that the gap is certain to widen. Remember, the shires are responsible for the bulk of all local authority spending in England and Wales. The control of so many billions of pounds means real political power for Labour and the Liberal Democrats.

Thursday's local polls may be the last in many of the existing counties. The Local Government Commission is examining local government in England. In Wales, David Hunt has published proposals for a single tier of councils. There may have to be fresh elections in 1994 for "shadow" councils in the Isle of Wight, Derbyshire and several other areas, and possibly throughout Wales.

That the Tories now control only one county council is, by any standards, extraordinary. Surely this political

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reality will not influence the government's views on the proposals made by the commission for new authorities? Counties are generally arguing that they should be the basis for new local authorities, while districts take the view that it would be a brave (and naive) commentator who did not take account of the real political world. Shire district councils are still significantly in Tory hands, compared with the new tally of just one county.

On the other hand, the Conservative party still holds a large number of seats in the counties. Moreover, the Tories have always attached considerable importance to their shire organisations. The party's roots are still there, despite the emergence of new types of urban Conservative during the Thatcher years. If the counties were sacrificed, the party would surely risk its own future organisational strength.

It may never be possible to disentangle the effect of purely local factors in the 1993 local election results. The Channel tunnel rail link must have shifted votes in Kent. The possible abolition of Humberside surely affected votes there. West Country counties produced landslide changes. There were significant regional variations in Conservative, Labour and Liberal Democrat successes and failures.

Looking ahead to next year, when there are London borough and district elections, it is clear that the Conservatives are in deep trouble. They now have outright control of just one shire county and one metropolitan district. London is the last place where they run a respectable number of the big spending authorities. On Thursday's showing they could lose most of their London boroughs as well. Mr Major has just 363 days to get things right.

Tebbit blames treaty for defeat

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LORD Tebbit yesterday blamed the government's obsession with ratifying the Maastricht treaty for its disastrous results at Newbury and in the county council elections.

He called on the prime minister to "change direction" by giving priority to domestic issues and worry less about pushing policies through on Europe which most people did not want. Unless he changed course the Conservatives would lose the trust and affection of the British people.

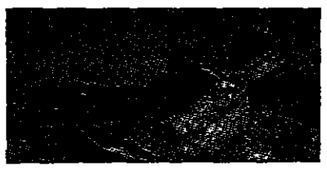
Commenting on Thursday night's county council results,

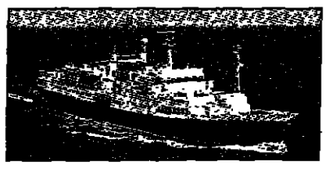
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Lord Tebbit said: "I do not think they were entirely disconnected with the widely held view that the government puts ratification of the Maastricht treaty above all else, and yet the people do not understand why it should be given such priority."

Launching a guide to the Maastricht treaty, published by the Maastricht Referendum Campaign, Lord Tebbit said that there was not much enthusiasm for Labour, and the Liberal Democrats would always be only a party of protest. However the Conservatives were at risk of forfeiting the public's support.

"Newbury was a warning to the government that it could lose the affection and trust of the people in this country unless it changes course. The treaty will drag us back into the ERM before long and I think that could provoke a political crisis," he said. "I think the elections showed that people wanted to give the government a very hard knock indeed."





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Elderly couple die as fire hits store with no sprinklers

By Stewart Tendler

AN ELDERLY couple died and 34 people were taken to hospital yesterday when fire broke out in a crowded department store in Chesterfield, Derbyshire, while the town was packed on market day.

As smoke filled the Littlewoods store, people climbed out of windows and perched on ledges above the town centre, waiting for rescue. Some were reached by market stallholders with ladders on the tops of vans.

Bill Newbitt, Derbyshire assistant chief fire officer, said there was no sprinkler system in the store, but an automatic fire alarm was connected to the fire service and engines were at the scene in three to five minutes. He said there was no law requiring stores to have sprinklers. The store had a current fire certificate issued by the brigade and everything was in order.

He said investigators would examine why there was so much smoke from the fire and why people had difficulty escaping. They would interview shoppers and staff.

The couple who died are believed to have been in their 60s and 70s and lived locally. Chief Supt John Moss, of Chesterfield police, said they were found together near an escalator on the first floor. The fire was thought to have broken out on that floor and the casualties taken to hospital suffering from smoke inhalation were all on that floor. One person was reported to be in a serious condition.

Joan Healey, 59, of Tupton, Derbyshire, who worked in the store restaurant, said she went to the windows when she realised there was no way out. "It was obvious that was the only way to get out, so we climbed onto the ledge."

Mrs Healey, rescued by firemen after 15 minutes on the ledge, said: "I thought my number was up. I don't usually panic but when you can't get out through the stairs and the windows on the first floor you don't have much choice. As I sat on the ledge, I kept thinking I was going to have to jump because it was getting life or death."

Sixty firemen with ten fire appliances tackled the blaze at its height and breathing apparatus was used to gain access. Colin Cheetham, station officer, said: "In my experience, it was a fierce fire which spread fairly quickly when it took hold. The seat of the fire was between the sales area and cafeteria on the first floor." The cause of the fire was not known.

Mr Cheetham confirmed one of areas they would be examining was the possibility of an electrical fault and he confirmed work had recently been carried out at the store.

In a statement, the Littlewoods chain, which has 126 shops, said that it would seek further information about the cause and effects of the fire.



Clinging to life: people escaping the blaze climbed out through the windows

Man Ray sets record for photo

By John Shaw

A SURREALIST photograph by Man Ray showing a woman with her face dotted by imitation glass tears set a new £122,500 world record for a photograph at Sotheby's in London yesterday.

The black and white photograph is stamped with his picture credit and was taken in about 1930. He gave it to the vendors who were close personal friends.

The study is a little-known variant of a more tightly-cropped image which has been published widely. It was estimated to make between £20,000 and 30,000.

At Christie's, South Kensington, buyers spent almost £20,000 on books owned by the late Sir Winston Churchill. A collection of 13 signed first editions was sold by Viscount Thurso, of Ulbster.

A collection of speeches on free trade forecast at £500-800 made the top price of £4,400. It was bought by a British collector.

Maggs Brothers, the book dealers, bought three first editions, *The World Crisis*, for £2,090, *My Early Life* for £1,870, and *Marlborough: His Life And Times* for £4,180.

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Peter Millar on the Spanish princesses – The Sunday Times tomorrow

Victim finds burglar was her son

A WOMAN who found an armed man ransacking her home was about to hand over money when the burglar's mask slipped and she identified him as her son.

David Lewis broke into his mother Megan's home and threatened her with a knife. Yesterday Lewis, 21, was jailed for 15 months by Swansea Crown Court after admitting aggravated burglary.

The court was told that Mrs Lewis, 58, ran screaming into the street outside her home in Town Hill, Swansea, and her son fled. She telephoned the police and Lewis, unemployed, of no fixed address, was arrested. Stuart Hughes, for Lewis, said he had decided to go to the house because he needed money for food, clothes and drugs.

Mrs Lewis said later: "I still love him in a way but it is so hard to forgive what he has done. It hurts me to think about it. All this has been so hard. Since he was arrested he has telephoned to say he was sorry but I still think 15 months is not long enough. He needed a harsher penalty to teach him a lesson."

Rape threat woman gets three years

A WOMAN who threatened to rape a male restaurant manager unless he handed over cash was jailed yesterday for three years.

The Old Bailey was told that Lana Hyman, 25, made the "terrible" threat after bursting into the home of 5ft 4in Ahmed El Shafie in Southfields, southwest London, with two accomplices.

Mr El Shafie, 32, told the court: "She said to me they would take me to her flat. She said they would smoke crack and then she would rape me."

Asked by counsel for Hyman, Mark Rainsford, if that was "a terrible prospect", he replied: "Yes."

He added: "They said they would cut my head off if I told the police."

Marks Moore, for the prosecution, told the court that Mr El Shafie's cashpoint card was used several times that night and £300 was taken from his account.

Michael Small, 24, was jailed for two years for theft and robbery and Donna Simms, 22, for 18 months. They and Hyman come from Southfields.

Slimmed-down 999 service rejected

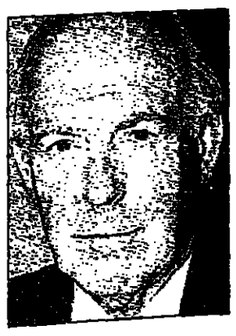
A plan for the 999 telephone emergency service to be run by a new agency from three centres was rejected by the watchdog body Oftel yesterday. The service, set up 56 years ago, operates from more than 80 centres round the country and handles 23 million calls a year, at a cost to BT of £30 million.

Oftel's director-general, Don Cruickshank, said that an independent study showed that benefits of the new system would be limited and he had asked for alternative solutions. Changes would be acceptable only if they could, "with a very high degree of confidence, improve or at least maintain the present very high standard of service".

Soldier loses legs

A part-time soldier in the Royal Irish Regiment was in a critical condition yesterday after an IRA booby-trap explosion. The soldier, 26, whose wife is pregnant, was driving through Lurgan, co. Armagh on Thursday night when the bomb exploded under his car. Surgeons had to amputate his legs yesterday to try to save his life.

Tribute to water chief



The grieving widow of Sir Roy Watts, left, the Thames Water chairman, wept yesterday as a clergyman paid tribute to her husband. At his funeral in Oxford, Lady Watts heard Canon John White praise Sir Roy's contribution to his company and to Britain. Sir Roy, 67, was found dead in the Thames on Tuesday, eight days after disappearing from his flat in Battersea, south London.

Sword man convicted

Peter Gilchrist, 34, who severed a detective's hand with a sword, was cleared of attempted murder but convicted of causing grievous bodily harm with intent. Gilchrist, a warehouseman of Tottenham, north London, was remanded by an Old Bailey judge to a secure psychiatric unit for reports. He will be sentenced in four weeks' time.

Lorry crash blocks M4

Two lorries collided on the M4 in Berkshire yesterday morning, completely blocking all three lanes of the westbound motorway towards Wales. No one was injured in the crash, which ended with one lorry carrying a crane jack-knifed across three lanes and the other, which was tranporting a load of apples, in flames.

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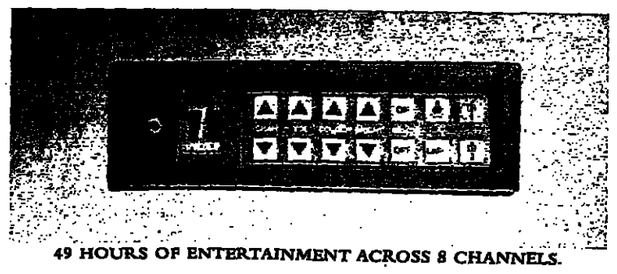
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JPs' clerks warn that Home Office advice on fines may be illegal

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

JUSTICES' clerks yesterday attacked as "unsound" and "perhaps illegal" the new guidelines on means-related fines, agreed by the home secretary and the Magistrates' Association three days ago, and said that its members would not apply them.

The Justices' Clerks' Society threw the system into confusion by urging the immediate withdrawal of the guidelines, which were sent to courts on Wednesday in an effort to end what Kenneth Clarke called "some of the more absurd decisions" arising from means-related fines.

In a statement indicating a clash between the clerks, the chief legal advisers to magistrates, and the Magistrates' Association, the society said that it viewed the guidelines "with grave concern".

The guidelines, which allowed magistrates to review a calculation of a fine if the result seemed "inappropriately high", was "unsound, misleading and in consequence, perhaps, illegal", they said. It amounted to "fudging the law".

Earlier this week Mr Clarke had backed down over the much-criticised means-related fines which have resulted in huge penalities on offenders of modest means as well as some paltry fines on poor offenders. Yesterday the justices' clerks expressed concern that the new guidelines had resulted from discussions between the home secretary and the Magistrates' Association, which might be seen as "indicating that there has been a direct influence over judicial decision-making ... Such advice has been issued without consultation with the Justices' Clerks' Society and we dissociate ourselves from it."

Laurie Cramp, honorary secretary of the 350-member society, which was holding its annual conference in Eastbourne, said: "Clerks are going to apply the law as it is and not as set out in this bulletin. If the law is unacceptable, then it is for Parliament to change it." There was concern that magistrates would feel able to "fudge" a fine if it seemed too high and the guidelines "encouraged that approach".

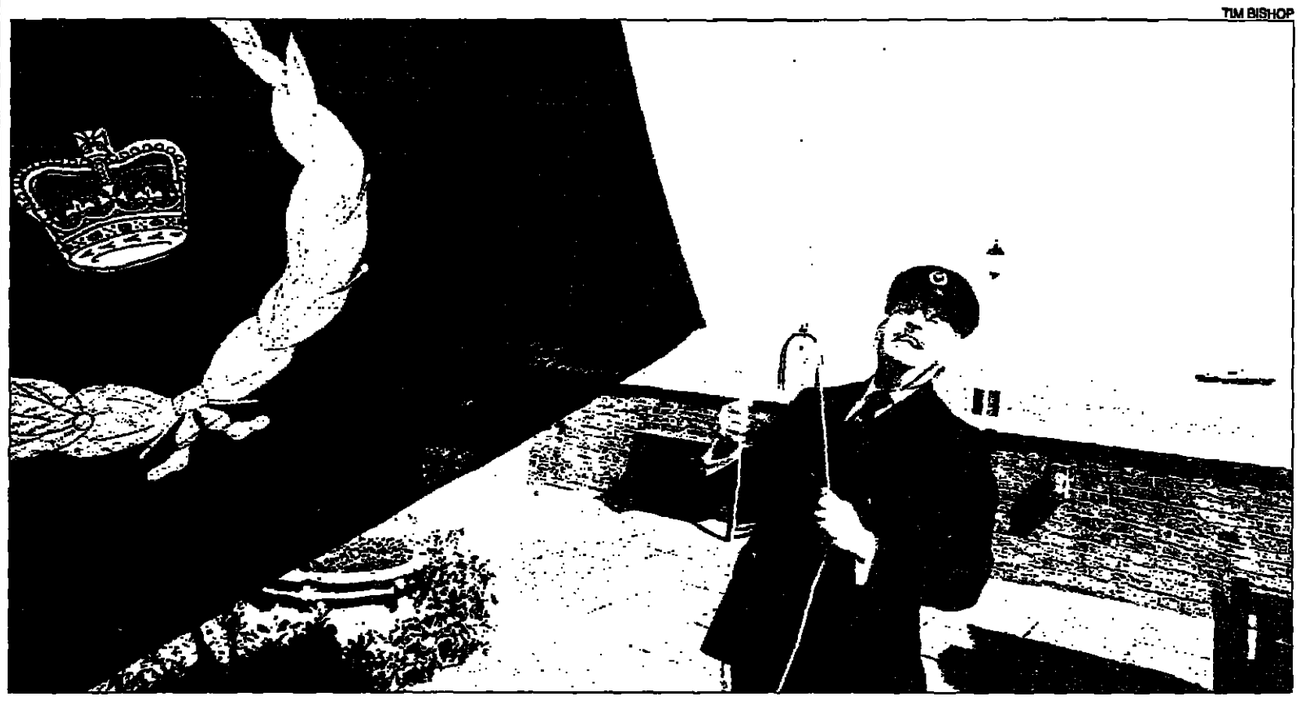
Under means-related or unit fines, magistrates determine the gravity of an offence in numbers of units. They assess an offender's disposable income on the basis of a means form and multiply the figure by the number of units to reach the fine. The guidelines tell magistrates that "if the value of the unit appears to be inappropriately high, taking into account all the circumstances", magistrates "should look again at the value".

Mr Cramp said that although magistrates had discretion over fixing the number of units and in assessing disposable income, if the fine was "too high, unless they have miscalculated and exercised their discretion on an unsound basis, the ultimate result is the sentence that must be imposed".

Joyce Rose, chairman of the Magistrates' Association, who was a guest at the conference, said that she regretted the clerks' reaction. She rejected the view that the guidelines were illegal, or amounted to new law. "They are interpretation, based on the understanding we have following discussions with the Home Office."

Yacht club back in business as members return from exile

TIM BISHOP



Flying high: Pat Dyas, admiral of the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club at Cowes, Isle of Wight, hoists the club's royal flag yesterday, four years after taking his members into exile following a dispute over ownership of the club house and the royal flag (Barry Pickthall writes). The imposing building overlooking Cowes Roads was sold without the club's knowledge to the Ancasta Group, then headed by Crispin Lowe, who wanted to commercialise its operations. After the walk-out, Mr Lowe formed the Castle Rock Yacht Club but it foundered with the Ancasta marina in Cowes when the group called in the receivers late in 1991. Last December, four of the Corinthian's senior members, led by Mr Dyas, bought back the building and in February the Princess Royal agreed to become the club's patron. Mr Dyas said: "It has been four hard, agonising years. The support we have had has been enormous. Our membership, 450 when we shut down, is now more than 700 strong."

Chess rival may have no backers

BY ROBIN YOUNG

THE international chess federation (Fide) appears to be having difficulty in attracting bids for its world championship match between Jan Timman of The Netherlands and Anatoly Karpov, the former world champion.

The match has been organised in opposition to *The Times* Chess Championship of the World between Garry Kasparov, the reigning world champion, and Nigel Short, the British grandmaster, who beat Timman to reach the final.

Fide had invited bids for its match to be submitted by yesterday, ahead of its executive council meeting in Athens on May 15 and 16.

Past practice has been for the source of bids received to be announced when bidding closes, but yesterday a spokesman for Fide in Lucerne, Switzerland, said: "There will be no announcement until the executive council meets. The executive council will decide."

The curt tone of the announcement and the refusal to answer further questions raised the possibility that Fide has, in fact, received no bids.

Kasparov and Short refused to play under the control of Fide in Manchester, and Kasparov was stripped of his title in March. The two have since launched the Professional Chess Association as a rival to Fide and their match, at the Savoy Theatre in London this autumn, is to be sponsored by *The Times*.

Duke spices tour with a belly laugh

FROM ALAN HAMILTON IN BUDAPEST

THE Queen's otherwise faultless four-day state visit to Hungary ended yesterday with one of those famous *bon mots* by the Duke of Edinburgh which, if taken as anything other than a bad joke, can engender apoplexy among diplomats.

Many thousands of onlookers had gathered in warm sunshine in downtown Budapest to watch the royal couple perform the last walkabout of their tour. The duke suddenly spotted among the sea of faces a Port Vale football supporter holding a placard proclaiming: "Up the Vale."

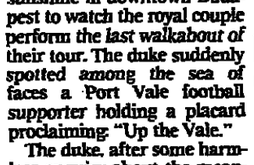
The duke, after some harmless enquiry about the meaning of the placard, asked Bobby Ball, the supporter, how long he had been in Hungary. "Two weeks." Mr Ball, 26, replied. "You can't have been here for two weeks," the duke retorted, "You haven't got a pot belly."

Hungarians do not in fact have a noticeable propensity for pot bellies. Their cuisine, however, leans heavily towards girth-expanding quantities of red meat, goose liver, sausage, pancakes, chocolate and other enemies of healthy living.

Clearly the duke, who during the week has attended two state banquets, a four-course lunch with the Hungarian prime minister, and a picnic at which a whole barbecued calf was served, was feeling the effects of exposure to a mid-European diet.

CHAMPIONSHIP CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT



THE TIMES WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

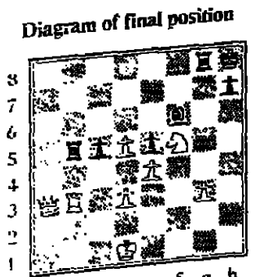
Nigel Short struck back immediately in the Brussels 1987 Swift Chess World Championship to score a splendid victory against Kasparov. After a dubious opening the champion, true to his turbulent style tried to stir up trouble for Short all over the board. Nigel kept cool under fire, however, and on the 37th move he produced a stunning coup which netted Kasparov's queen. This is the way Nigel will hope to win the match against Kasparov in Sepiember.

White: Nigel Short
Black: Garry Kasparov
Brussels 5-minute tournament 1987

Sicilian Defence

1	e4	c5
2	Nf3	d6
3	b3	e5
4	Bb5+	Bd7
5	Bxd7+	Qxd7
6	0-0	Nc6
7	c4	g6
8	g3	Bg7
9	Nc3	f5
10	Nd5	Nge7
11	Bg5	0-0
12	Bxe7	Nxe7
13	Nxe7+	Qxe7
14	Nd2	Qh4
15	Qe2	Rf6
16	Nb1	g5
17	g3	Qh3
18	f3	g4
19	Nc3	f4
20	Nd5	Rh6
21	Qg2	fxg3
22	hxg3	Qh5
23	Ne7+	Kh8
24	Nf5	Rg6
25	fxg4	Qxg4
26	Rf3	Bh6
27	Raf1	Bg5
28	Kf2	a5
29	a4	Ra6
30	Ke2	Rb6
31	Rb1	Rb4
32	Kd1	d5
33	Qe2	b5
34	axb5	a4
35	cxd5	axb3
36	Ri2	Qh3
37	Rh2	Qxh2
38	Qxh2	Rxb5
39	Qb2	Bf6
40	Qa3	Rg8
41	Rxb3	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



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Figures dismissed as a blip

Fall in car sales hits showroom recovery

BY KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

SALES of new cars fell in April, putting the brakes on six months of rapid recovery for Britain's beleaguered motor industry.

Manufacturers dismissed the fall of 1.9 per cent, to 135,469 from 138,106 in April last year, as a "blip" on sales charts that have maintained an upward trend for more than a year. Despite the April performance, registrations in the first four months are 8.16 per cent ahead of the same period of 1992.

Sales in April last year were inflated by a post-Budget dash for the showrooms after Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, halved special car tax.

Car-makers are spending millions on advertising. Ford cut hundreds of pounds from the sticker prices of its range while importers such as BMW have held down prices despite big exchange rate swings against them.

April will be seen as a setback and a signal that buyers have not returned to the level enjoyed by the car industry at the end of the 1980s. The intense rivalry for sales should still ensure that Britain is the only big European market to grow this year.

The PSA Peugeot-Citroen group is now expecting the market to pick up from last year's 1.6 million to about 1.7 million. Sales across the whole of the European Community could fall by as much as 10 per cent, with Germany expected to be down 17 per cent, France 5 per cent and Italy 12 per cent, the company says.

Geoffrey Whalen, Peugeot Talbot managing director and new president of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, warned the government against over-optimism. "I think we are on the way back. All the signs are there and we have seen growth in the British market in ten of the past thirteen months.

"But we should not forget where we have come from. The level of sales we are talking about for this year will still only be as high as the figure from ten years ago."

The April figures, released yesterday, underline the increasing competition from a spate of new models. Two new cars sped into the top ten list of best sellers in their first full month on sale.

The Ford Mondeo was in fifth position with more than 6,000 cars sold. Although Ford took three of the first five places, that was not enough to prevent the company's April market share slipping from 23.5 per cent to 21 per cent, year on year.

Vauxhall's heavily advertised Corsa small car took tenth position. The biggest challenge continues to come from the big French manufacturers. Renault is now the fifth biggest single manufacturer operating in the UK with a 5.62 per cent market share behind Ford, Vauxhall with 17.8 per cent, Rover (12.48 per cent) and Peugeot (7.7 per cent). The combined Peugeot-Citroen conglomerate took 11.26 per cent of April sales.

☐ April best sellers: 1, Ford Escort (9,627 cars sold); 2, Ford Fiesta (9,270); 3, Vauxhall Cavalier (9,076); 4, Vauxhall Astra (8,270); 5, Ford Mondeo (6,167); 6, Rover 200 (5,820); 7, Peugeot 405 (4,004); 8, Rover Metro (3,904); 9, Renault Clio (3,159); 10, Vauxhall Corsa (2,872).

Minister warns of road tax

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY

CAR owners might have to be charged for road use if Britain is to help to reduce the threat of global warming, the government said yesterday.

Rises in petrol duties might not be enough to discourage private car use and growth in traffic, Michael Howard, the environment secretary, told a conference on climate change in London. He brushed aside criticisms that the government was not doing enough to cut emissions of carbon dioxide, the most important of "greenhouse gases" blamed for trapping heat in the atmosphere.

The government was "looking at the option of charging for road use", he said. Any charge would be on top of the annual 3 per cent real increases in petrol prices announced by Norman Lamont in his March Budget.

Pre-conference workshops organised by the environment department, on which industrialists and green groups were represented, concluded that the government's targets for curbing carbon dioxide emissions were inadequate.

At the Earth Summit in Brazil last June, Britain undertook to stabilise its carbon dioxide emissions at 1990 levels by the year 2000, which would imply cutting annual output by 6 per cent, to about 160 million tonnes a year.

Mr Howard said too little was known about global warming to justify committing the government now to further cuts in carbon dioxide emissions. They would be considered at the review of the international climate change treaty due in 1996.

Charles Secrett, executive director of Friends of the Earth, said that by failing to address the need for further cuts in carbon dioxide emissions after the end of the century, the government invited accusations of not taking climate change seriously.

MICHAEL POWELL



Hanging judge: the pop artist Peter Blake supervises the finishing touches in Gallery X of the Royal Academy's 225th Summer Exhibition.

More than 12,000 works, sent in by amateur artists from across the country, have been viewed and judged by a panel of Royal Academicians (Alison Roberts writes). About 3,400 paintings, sculptures and drawings pass and half are eventually hung.

Each member of the panel has his own gallery to arrange. Blake, who first exhibited at the Royal Academy 33 years ago, sits under a statue of Gabrielle by Christine Beardwood to view the final 300 works in his allocated space.

The Summer Exhibition, which opens to the public on June 6 and runs until August 15, is renowned for its eclectic mix. Established names are shown next to beginners in a display of artistic democracy. The academy must now begin the long task of telling all entrants whether they have made the exhibition.

Credo

God exists where we let Him in

Jonathan Sacks

The Hasidic master Rabbi Mendel of Kotzk once asked his disciples: "Where is God?" Bemused, they replied: "Is it not written that God fills the heavens and the earth? God is everywhere." "No," replied the rabbi, "God is *where we let Him in.*"

That statement seems to me as near to religious truth as we will come.

There is a line of thought which seeks incontrovertible evidence that God exists. Scholars have sought God in the design of the universe, the architecture of matter, the metaphysics of first cause, the foundations of morality, in self-authenticating religious experiences. I respect this approach, but cannot aspire to it. In part this is because it has failed within its own terms. Primarily, though, I do not take this path because it is not the way of the Jewish tradition within which I come to faith.



In the Hebrew Bible, God does not impose Himself incontrovertibly on our minds. Though He walks in the garden, Adam and Eve can hide. The presence of God is never inescapable, unambiguous. He is seen only to those who look, heard only by those who listen.

There is something utterly radical in this concept of God, and it is reflected in the Hebrew word for faith, *emunah*. This means neither certainty nor knowledge, but commitment, fidelity, the loyalty of trust. God speaks to us in the form of a question: how and for what shall we live?

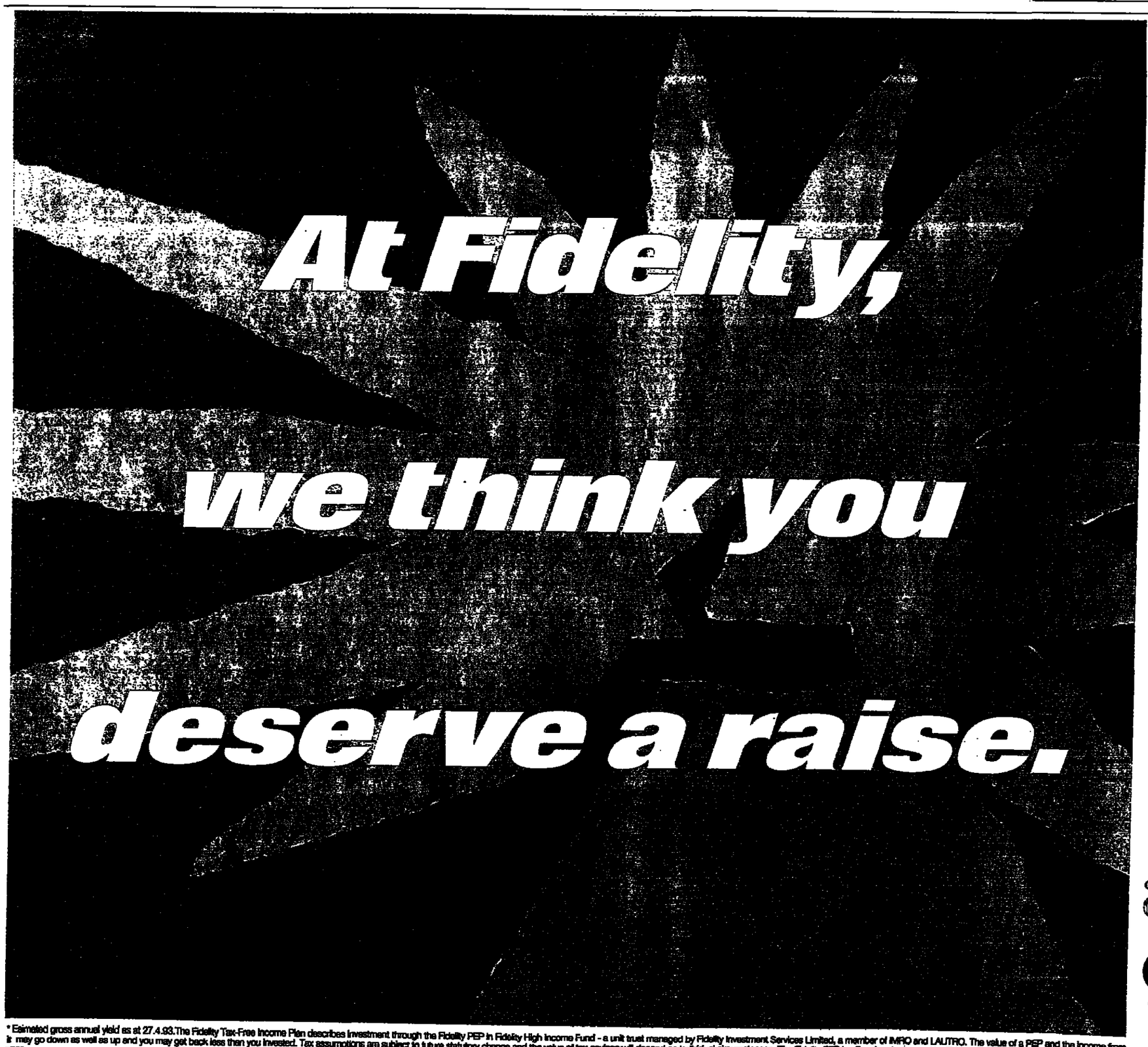
Our most fundamental decisions are fraught with uncertainty, yet we must decide and act. We cannot know the mind of another person. We cannot know what will happen to an unborn child. Yet we marry and have children and discover that love brings life into the world, and with life, responsibility for its care. Our most creative acts involve risk, and thus courage; and perhaps we will never know for certain that we were right. Faith involves exactly this risk, and that is why marriage and parenthood were for the prophets metaphors for the relationship between God and humanity. We make an error when we invoke religion for pragmatic ends, as if the purpose of faith were to solve the problems of broken families and juvenile crime. Faith teaches us that we are here to serve God: God is not there to serve us. But the loss of faith is not unconnected with the breakdown of the family. For faith and the family depend on commitment, fidelity, a readiness to risk forgoing present pleasure for the sake of future good. These attributes have become rare and we have become smaller for their loss.

But the voice of God can still be heard, asking us to shape in our communities and families a home for the divine presence. God has been exiled by much of our culture. But He exists where we let Him in.

Dr Jonathan Sacks is the Chief Rabbi

☐ Next week: Dr Edward Norman, Chaplain of Christ Church College, Canterbury, continues the debate

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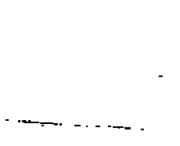


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Red Cross accuses freelance charities of obstructing aid

By Louise Hidalgo

■ Amateur do-gooders who try to help in areas such as Bosnia are well-meaning but often misguided, worldwide charities say

THE International Red Cross yesterday criticised the many amateur relief efforts in areas such as Bosnia and Somalia as often ineffective and sometimes obstructive.

The charity said such "freelance" efforts, while laudable, needed to be properly channelled. "The compassion is right and the motivation is right but we need to make sure the right aid is getting to the right place," Peter Walker, head of the charity's disaster policy unit, said.

He said that all too often the aid they brought was not suitable and they sometimes hampered the work of the larger international agencies. "The message from local agencies is that they need skilled, fast, authoritative disaster relief."

There are no exact figures on such amateur efforts, but hundreds of individuals are believed to have responded to television images of war-stricken Bosnia, setting out in trucks and transit vans to take aid. Some of these people have little knowledge of local conditions, stumbling upon battle zones or falling prey to black marketeers.



York: patron of a relief charity in Bosnia

Dr Walker was speaking at the launch in London of the first annual report into world disasters, attended by the Princess of Wales. The report calls for a change in the way disaster relief is provided, saying resources should be channelled towards supporting local agencies who can respond most quickly and effectively and who usually help save the most lives.

Mike Whitlam, director-general of the British Red Cross, expressed unease at "one-off" relief efforts in Bosnia and elsewhere. "People want to leap in to do what they can but that is not necessarily the best way." Though commending the spirit behind such efforts, Mr Whitlam said: "Individuals have no mechanism to get food to the place where it is needed and that is when things begin to go wrong: aid gets stolen and hijacked or is distributed to the wrong place."

Dozens of small charities have been set up in response to the crises in Somalia and Bosnia, as they were for Romania and Ethiopia in the past. Local appeals in many parts of Britain have raised money to fill trucks with food, toys and clothes. Most of the aid is delivered fairly smoothly but for some the journey has been beset with problems, with reports of trucks held up at militia-controlled checkpoints, money gambled and lost on the black market, and workers arrested.

Damon Hinton, of Serious Road Trip, one of two British charities working in Bosnia with support from *The Times* and whose patron is the actress Susannah York, said it was essential to work closely with local agencies and with the larger organisations such as the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, which has endorsed the work of Serious Road Trip and the charity War Child.

Mr Hinton said: "You have to know the conditions on the ground. The problems come when people arrive with no real information. The result can be they get themselves in a lot of trouble."

More than half a billion people — 8 per cent of the world's population — will be affected by man-made and natural disasters by the end of the decade, according to the report, *World Disasters 1993*. The number of people affected has trebled during the 1980s, from 100 million in 1980 to 300 million in 1991.

Dr Walker, the report's author, said it was no good using "a sticking plaster solution in isolation. Disasters are about unsustainable development which pushes a situation over the brink," he said, adding that the greatest efforts should be put into rehabilitation and rebuilding infrastructures.

Dr Walker said it was vital to begin work now to help local agencies in the former Yugoslavia cope with the aftermath of the fighting. In Croatia, local Red Cross teams have already begun to deal with the long-term psychological effects of the war. "We need to augment those networks to help the population rebuild social structures and health services," he said.



TONY FREEMAN

Learning the ropes: Prince Michael of Ethiopia on the dairy farm in Devon



Haile Selassie, the prince's grandfather

Dynasty returns to the land

By Michael Hornsby, Agriculture Correspondent

AN AFRICAN prince, whose family claims descent from King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba and once owned vast tracts of land, now has no higher ambition than to run a dairy farm.

Prince Michael of Ethiopia, a grandson of the late emperor, Haile Selassie, is studying the dairy business in Britain. He is dividing his time between college at Nantwich, Cheshire, and a farm near Barnstaple, Devon, and hopes to start practising his new skills in his native land later this year.

"The present Ethiopian government has been kind to me", he said. "I do not want to become involved politically in any way. I just want to be a farmer." The prince hopes to persuade the government to grant him some land outside Addis Ababa, where he plans to establish a dairy herd and a processing plant producing cheese, yoghurt and ice cream.

The prince, 43, spent 15 years in prison after his grandfather was deposed in 1974. In May 1991, when the Mengistu regime was overthrown, he had to seek refuge in the British embassy.

"In the early years our imprisonment was very harsh, as we were held with common criminals. Later our treatment got much better because of international pressure. I am very grateful to the British, Canadian and American governments and to Amnesty International."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Driver hit by horse wins £1.2m

A man whose back was broken when a stray horse crashed on to the roof of his car was awarded £1.2 million damages in the High Court.

Kirk McSorley, 30, a window cleaner from Chessington, Surrey, spent more than nine months in hospital after the accident in 1987 and will be in a wheelchair for the rest of his life.

The horse's owner, Mrs Philippa Woodall, was found to be at fault because precautions to stop animals escaping from their field in Chessington were inadequate.

Death crash PC fined £300

PC Steven Chuter, 29, was cleared at Birmingham Crown Court of causing the death of a nurse, Mandy Willis, by reckless driving during a police chase at Whitnash, Warwickshire, in 1991.

He was fined £300 for careless driving and had his licence endorsed.

Football foul

The player-manager of Ebbw Vale football team, Steve Williams, 30, was ordered at Swansea Crown Court to pay £2,500 to an opponent whose jaw he broke when he elbowed him in the face.

Star's award

Mark Knopfler, co-founder of the pop group Dire Straits, was awarded an honorary doctorate of music at Newcastle upon Tyne university.

Kray day

Ronnie and Reggie Kray, the London gangland killers, were jailed on remand 25 years ago today. They are serving 30 years at Broadmoor, Berkshire, and Blundestone, Suffolk.

Beating award

Michael Forde was awarded £1,750 against the Home Office at Isle of Wight County Court when he brought a civil action, claiming he was twice beaten up by inmates at Camp Hill prison, Newport, after prison officers told them he had previous convictions for sex offences.

Lawyer jailed

Edward Ward, 50, a solicitor who took £2,000 pounds from the building society account of a dead client was jailed for six months yesterday by Winchester Crown Court last month.

Florin farewell

The old 10p piece, the florin, will cease to be legal tender from June 30, Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, said. The coin is the last remaining from the days before decimalisation.

'Workfare' jobs pay £10 plus dole

By Kate Alderson

BRITAIN'S first "workfare" scheme will be launched on Monday in Norfolk, where the unemployed will undertake 22 hours each week of painting and decorating, gardening or environmental work in exchange for an extra £10 on their benefits.

The voluntary scheme, called North Norfolk Action, has been established by the Norfolk employment service after a proposal by Ralph Howell, Conservative MP for North Norfolk. It offers temporary work, which is "helpful to the the community and which would not otherwise be done", to 100 people who have been unemployed for more than six months in the Cromer and North Walsham area.

Three local organisations, Norfolk County Council, CRA Accredited Trainers Ltd and the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders, will provide work and training places at a cost of £750,000 a year. In addition, each participant will receive six hours of help a week with job hunting.

All three organisations involved say the scheme will provide training and an opportunity for the unemployed to acquire or develop skills.

People working for CRA will undertake restoration work and decorating for charities. Nacro will be placing people on the north Norfolk railway project, where they will carry out maintenance, landscaping and restoration.

Frank Dobson, shadow employment secretary, condemned the scheme, which amounts to an extra 45p an hour, as "totally wicked". He said: "The whole concept is wrong. Anyone who works for a living should be given a living wage and there appears to be an element of coercion. It is slave labour."

Norman Willis, TUC general secretary, said that such schemes could lead to work substitution. "Unemployed people don't seek to be idle. They wish to help to meet their own and other people's needs in communities. But they want to be paid the decent rate for the job."

The employment service expects that all the places will be filled by the end of June, after a series of interviews. At present, only eight unemployed people have been placed on work projects.

Mr Howell has been an advocate of "workfare" schemes, but originally suggested that unemployment benefit should be withdrawn and replaced by a weekly wage of £100. However, this was ruled out by the government as being too radical and expensive.

Employment ministers are keen to encourage people to work for their own communities, but have backed off from introducing wholesale compulsory schemes.

The employment department is currently reviewing proposals to introduce a form of "workfare " for the under-25s and the long-term unemployed, which may involve an element of compulsion. Plans are expected to be disclosed in the November Budget.

Trust buys Elizabethan country hall

AN ELIZABETHAN house last inhabited in 1885 has been acquired by the National Trust (Marcus Binney writes).

The purchase of Gibside Hall, six miles southwest of Newcastle upon Tyne, brings parkland with follies including a column of British liberty which, at 140ft, is almost as tall as Nelson's Column.

The acquisition follows the trust's restoration of a Georgian chapel at the other end of the great walk from the column. The purchase of 354 acres has been funded largely by a £309,000 grant from the National Heritage Memorial Fund.

The purchase also includes the substantial stone shell of the Jacobean house, the Palladian stables and orangery. The Banqueting House, one of the earliest examples of Gothic Revival in England, is used for holiday letting.

The creator of Gibside was George Bowes, a coal magnate, from whom it descended to the ninth earl of Strathmore, ancestor of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother.

Fleet 'near extinction'

By Tim Jones, Transport Correspondent

BRITAIN'S merchant fleet is facing extinction and has already declined to the point where the national interest is seriously threatened, the Labour party said yesterday.

John Prescott, the shadow transport secretary, said the government had one last chance to reverse the decline by extending special financial assistance to the industry.

Since 1979 the British merchant fleet had been reduced from 1,305 ships to 274 with the loss of 50,000 seafarers' jobs. From being the fourth largest fleet in the world, it now accounted for 0.5 per cent of the world's tonnage.

Addressing a rally in Liverpool, Mr Prescott said that as the fleet disappeared to vessels sailing under flags of convenience which allowed cut-price crews to be employed, it was also ageing. By the turn of the century, three quarters of the remaining British fleet would need replacing.

Labour will be pressing for measures designed to revive the industry, including regional maritime zones to help ports and shipbuilding areas. It will also argue for national insurance relief for the employment of UK seafarers to help to combat the use of foreign crews. The measures have wide cross-party and industry support.

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But supposing, what hardly can be supposed in any case, that the house of commons should be composed in the same manner with the [illegible] France, would this dominion of chicane be borne with patience, or even conceived without horror? God forbid I should insinuate any thing derogatory to the profession which [illegible] administering the rites of sacred justice.

But whilst I [illegible] in the [illegible] which belong to them, and would do, as much as one man can do, to prevent their exclusion from any, I cannot, to flatter them, give the lye to [illegible]

They are good and useful in the composition they must be mischievous if they preponderate so as virtually to become the whole. Their very excellence in their peculiar functions may be [illegible] from a qualification for others.

I can [illegible] observation, that when men are too much confined to professional and faculty habits, and, as it were, inveterate in the recurrent employment of that narrow circle, they are rather [illegible] than qualified for whatever depends on the knowledge of mankind, experience in mixed affairs, and comprehensive [illegible] view of the various complicated external and internal interests which go to the formation of the multifarious thing called a state.

After all, if the house of commons were to have an wholly professional and faculty composition, what is the power of the house of commons, circumscribed and shut in by [illegible] barriers of law, usages, corporate rules of [illegible] corporated, controlled by the house of lords, and every moment of its existence at the discretion of the crown to continue, prorogue, or dissolve us?

The power of the house of commons, direct or indeed, is indeed great; and long may it continue to preserve its greatness, and the spirit belonging to that greatness, at the full; and it will do so, as long as it can keep the breakers of law in India from becoming the makers of law for England.

The power, however, of the house of commons, is not least diminished as a drop of water in the ocean, compared with that resulting in a settled majority of your National Assembly.

That Assembly, since the destruction of the ordinary fundamental laws, no strict [illegible] no respected [illegible] use to restrain it.

[illegible] of finding themselves obliged to conform to a fixed constitution, they have a power to make a constitution which shall conform to their designs.

Nothing in heaven or upon earth can serve as a control on them.

What ought to be [illegible] heads, the heads [illegible] dispositions [illegible] qualified, [illegible] they make laws under a limited constitution, put at once presume to strike out a totally new constitution for a great kingdom, and in every part of it, from the monarch on the throne to the vestry of a parish?

But - *'fools rush in where angels fear to tread'.*

In such a state of unbounded power, for undefined purposed, the veil of a moral and almost physical inaptitude of the man to the function must be the greatest we can conceive to happen in the management of human affairs. When men of rank sacrifice [illegible] dignity to an ambition without a distinct object, and work with low instruments and for low ends, the whole composition becomes low and base.

Does not something like this now appear in France? Does it not produce something ignoble and inglorious? a kind of meanness in all the prevalent policy? a tendency in all that is done to lower along with individuals all the dignity and importance of the state?

Other revolutions have been conducted by persons, who, whatever they attempted of affected changes in the commonwealth, sanctified their ambition by advancing the dignity of the people whose peace they troubled.

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Clinton believes a woman will be elected to the White House in his lifetime

President trades on Hillary factor to end popularity slide

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

■ **The repackaging of Bill Clinton has started: a supportive wife, town hall meetings, and one big policy at a time**

PRESIDENT Clinton last night resorted to a proven strategy to rescue himself from his slide in popularity, appearing on television side by side with his wife.

America is witnessing with some bemusement yet another brave attempt at a Clinton comeback, evoking memories of the Arkansas governor's resurrection last year after the Gennifer Flowers scandal and draft-dodging allegations. After having been written off by many pundits, it was his wife who bailed him out on television.

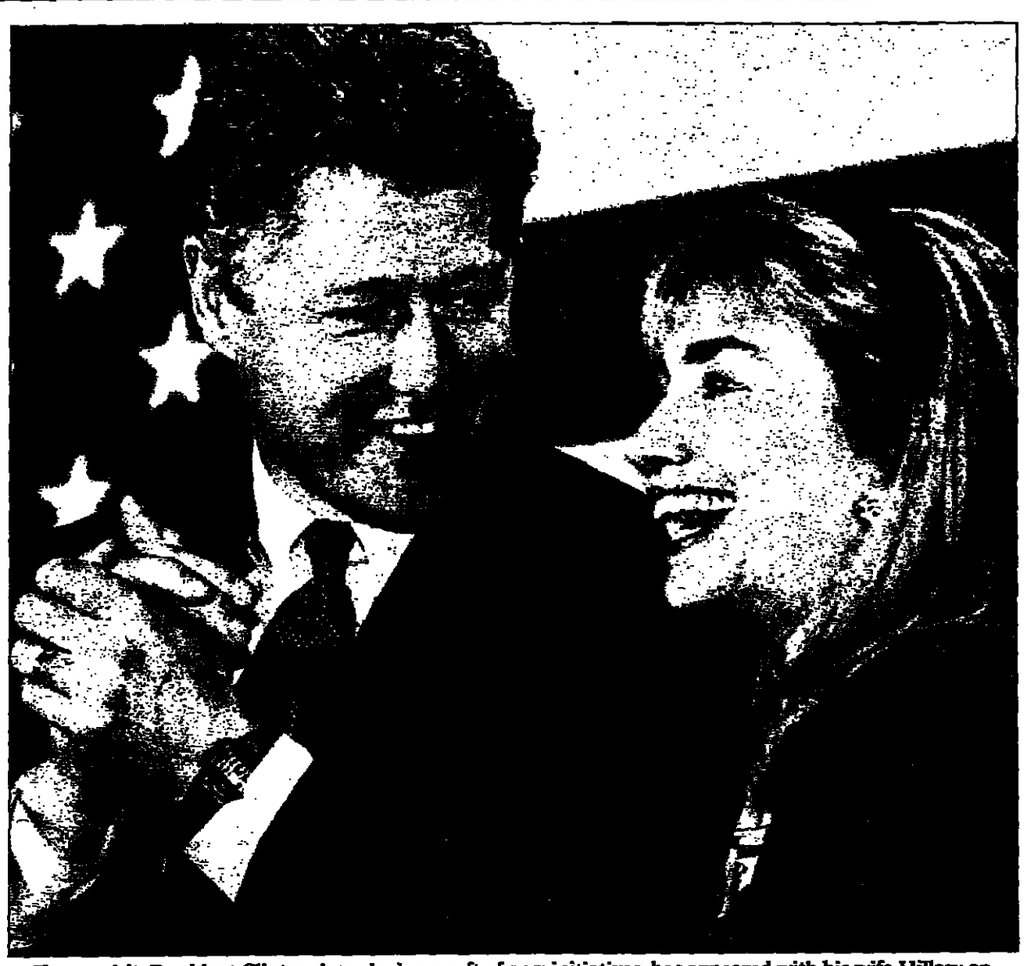
Last night's appearance was more notable for the president's statement that "a woman will be elected president, probably in my lifetime", adding that this would be less controversial "than the partnership that Hillary and I have established". The appearance formed part of a whole raft of new presidential initiatives to reconstruct the Clinton image after criticisms that in his first 100 days Mr Clinton attempted everything but achieved nothing. The president is now reverting to the tried and tested strategies, as he attempts to repair the "laser beam" which he promised to focus on the nation's domestic problems.

As part of this new approach the White House yesterday announced the return of town hall meetings, a public relations device which Mr Clinton used during the first weeks of his presidency. Next week he will hold three such meetings, in New York, Chicago and Cleveland, Ohio, this time to revive support for the economic programme.

Mr Clinton also decided to strengthen internal White House organisation, by appointing Roy Neel, a long-standing adviser to Al Gore, the vice-president, to the newly created post of deputy chief of staff. A seasoned Washington veteran, Mr Neel's role is to prevent accidents as happened in late March and early April, when the Senate killed Mr Clinton's economic stimulus programme, while the president focused most of his attention putting together a stimulus programme for another country: a package for Russia.

In another consequence of the adoption of a one-big-policy-at-a-time strategy, the White House also confirmed that the health reform package is to be postponed until next month. The delay comes amid fears that the package is otherwise in danger of being ruined by Congress. The strategy is now to build strong, and if possible bipartisan, support for the health proposals. A majority of Americans back the reforms.

☐ **Poll vouchers:** Candidates for Congress would receive vouchers to pay for television commercials under campaign finance reforms proposed by Mr Clinton (Ian Brodie writes). The vouchers would come from public funds raised in part by new laws eliminating tax deductions for expenses claimed by lobbyists.



Team spirit: President Clinton, introducing a raft of new initiatives, has appeared with his wife Hillary on television in an attempt to repeat their successful election campaign style of last year

Pérez tells judges to end trial suspense

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

PRESIDENT Pérez of Venezuela has challenged the country's supreme court to make a quick decision on whether to file corruption charges against him. He said in a weekly radio address that he would resign if the court decides to try him for the alleged misuse of $17.2 million (£10.95 million) in secret government funds.

Privately, Señor Pérez is reported to have told colleagues that he would rather resign than risk political turmoil that might endanger the country's shaky democracy. Last year, he narrowly survived two military coup attempts, and the country has been rocked by a series of financial scandals.

On Wednesday, reports in the local media said Gonzalo Rodríguez, the supreme court president, had issued an opinion recommending that Señor Pérez and three aides be tried over the scandal.

Impatient to hear the opinions of the court's 14 other members, Señor Pérez published a letter he had sent to them in which he called for their verdict "without delay". He said: "Expectations have been raised at home and abroad about the imminent indictment of the president. I think the country cannot be subjected to this uncertainty for several days or weeks."

Military brutality casts shadow over Paraguayan polls

BY GABRIELLA GAMINI

PARAGUAY'S voters, 1.6 million of the country's 4.5 million population, will tomorrow have their first chance in half a century to elect a civilian president and escape from decades of one-party military rule.

President Rodríguez has promised a smooth transition to civilian rule, but opposition candidates fear that tomorrow's congressional and presidential elections may be marred by fraud perpetrated by the ruling Colorado party, which has run the country since 1947. Their fears were heightened when the high court banned exit polls.

General Lino Oviedo, the country's top officer, has made clear that a victory for the opposition parties in the congressional election — the predicted result — will not be accepted. "The army is not prepared to accept another party, regardless of who is bothered by it or annoyed by it," he said. His statement was supported by other generals.

Opinion polls indicate that most Paraguayans favour a break from the Colorado party, which is still associated with the brutal 34-year dictatorship of General Alfredo Stroessner, who was overthrown by General Rodríguez in a 1989 coup. "A lot of people want to start afresh, and move away from Stroessner's legacy. The dictator's regime of state-run terror has left a scar on most people. They want to get rid of it just like a disease," said Josephina Fernández of the Committee of Churches, a leading human rights body.

Hundreds of people, including trade unionists, students, and farmers "disappeared" at the hands of Gen Stroessner's security forces. Many were tortured or killed for their alleged communist affiliations. Former secret police files detailing Gen Stroessner's brutal regime, discovered in the cellars of an old police station outside Asunción, the capital, give gruesome details of the regime's torture techniques. The files also allegedly reveal Gen Stroessner's direct complicity in human rights abuses.

Acting on this information, the Paraguayan judicial authorities have requested his extradition from Brazil, where he has lived in exile since he was toppled. The Brazilians have not yet responded.

The candidates favoured by the electorate are promising a break with the past. Polls predict that Guillermo Caballero Vargas, 50, representing the newly formed National Encounter party, will be the most likely winner, taking about 34 per cent of the vote. He is a wealthy businessman whose campaign was funded by the business community.

His party has centre-right tendencies and promises to introduce change slowly. At the same time, it advocates modernisation and a gradual opening up of the economy.

"We have to introduce a democratic way of thinking, to turn the security forces into professional rather than political forces. But whatever change we undertake must be made with caution," Señor Caballero Vargas said during the election campaign.



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Craxi faces renewed questioning in corruption enquiry

BY JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

■ Italian MPs are alarmed at Carlo Ciampi's appetite for change since his appointment as prime minister

CARLO Azeglio Ciampi, the Italian prime minister, last night faced a parliamentary confidence vote that his government was widely expected to win in spite of resentment by many MPs at his determination to introduce speedy electoral reforms.

The 72-year-old former central bank governor was expected to address some criticisms of his programme in a formal reply to speeches by parliamentary party leaders yesterday evening when the 630-seat lower house was moving to a vote. A similar test will be held in the senate, the upper house, next week.

The government appears to have obtained the curious distinction of being supported outright by even fewer parties than its fragile predecessor led by Giuliano Amato. However, no main party has dared to oppose the new coalition, many of whose ministers are technocrats called in to steer the country through reform.

Only the dominant Christian Democrats have given official full backing to Signor Ciampi but many of the party's MPs fear that the new prime minister's determination to introduce rapid reform is a prelude to them losing their parliamentary seats.

Guido Bodrato, the Christian Democrats' spokesman, told the chamber of deputies that his party was supporting Signor Ciampi, above all because of his personal qualities as a man "of great prestige who has accepted a mandate of great responsibility out of a sense of duty".

He accused other parties of being "reticent and avaricious" in their attitude to government policy. The Socialists, Liberals and Social Democrats, who supported Signor Amato, have been lukewarm at the prospect of an autumn general election, which seems likely if Signor Ciampi achieves his objectives on time. Those parties want the polls to be postponed until next spring so that they can have more time to clean up their image, which has been badly damaged by the enormous corruption scandal.

Bettino Craxi, the former prime minister and Socialist party leader, faces a new investigation on corruption charges. He is accused of having received gifts from public works companies when ANAS, the highways association, was awarding contracts. Francesco Borelli, the Milan public prosecutor, also said Signor Craxi may be tried for breaking the law on the funding of political parties over which his immunity was lifted.

Last week, deputies rejected the lifting of Signor Craxi's parliamentary immunity in connection with the most serious corruption allegations against him. The deputies' decision prompted the resignation of ministers of the Democratic Party of the Left from the government only hours after they had been nominated, and triggered demonstrations in several cities.

Four more corruption investigations were also launched yesterday. Another Socialist senator, Nicola Putignano, is the subject of one of the inquiries. Signor Putignano, who was a member of the senate public works and budget commission, is also implicated in the ANAS affair.

The other three investigations concern Severino Citaristi, the former Christian Democrat administration secretary who is already the subject of a record 28 corruption investigations. Signor Citaristi is suspected of having received bribes in the ANAS affair and in the allocation of contracts for the state rail company.

The prime minister has indicated the government will introduce legislation next month to end the existing proportional representation system if parliament does not do so this month.

The Democratic Party of the Left and the devolutionist Lombardy League yesterday said they would abstain in the confidence vote, meaning that only small protest parties, such as the neo-fascist Italian Social Movement, will vote against the government.

☐ **Bomb attack:** A traffic policeman was fighting for his life yesterday after a car bomb exploded outside the mayor's office in Terlizzi, a southern Italian town under strong Mafia influence.

Police said the bomb went off when the officer opened the door of a suspect car which was parked outside the town council building. Terlizzi is under direct rule from Rome because of alleged Mafia links. Its town council is one of dozens dissolved by the Rome government on suspicion that they have been infiltrated by the Mafia or may be under the influence of organised crime. *(Reuter)*



Ciampi: plans speedy electoral reforms



Surprise bite: Mila Mulroney, the wife of Brian Mulroney, the Canadian prime minister, grappling with a trout she caught yesterday at the summer residence of President Yeltsin near Moscow during an official visit to Russia

Moscow braced for clash

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW

MOSCOW is bracing for further violence tomorrow as opponents of President Yeltsin threatened to defy orders and hold a march to mark Soviet victory in the second world war. A communist demonstration on May Day left one policeman dead and more than 500 people injured.

Yuri Luzhkov, the city's mayor, was said to be under intense pressure from conservatives to relax restrictions on demonstrations and allow the march to proceed as far as the Kremlin. Unless a compromise is reached, clashes appear inevitable.

Yesterday, Mr Yeltsin and thousands of Muscovites attended the funeral of Vladimir Tolokneyev, the policeman who died this week from his injuries suffered in the May Day clash. Leaders of the conservatives stayed away.

☐ **Rival sacked:** Eduard Shevardnadze, the Georgian leader, has consolidated his hold on power after his chief rival, defence minister Tengis Kitovani, was sacked by a majority vote in the Tbilisi parliament. Mr Kitovani was said to have been plotting to topple Mr Shevardnadze.

Quiet revolution puts Rome through the mincer

BY PAOLO BONAIUTI

Whoever said that a revolution must be bloody? Three former communists, and a fourth disguised as a "technician", had joined the new government, traditionally a stronghold among the institutions of Italy. It had taken 13 years, the collapse of the Berlin Wall and a devaluation of 33 per cent of the lira in a few months, before the words pronounced by Enrico Berlinguer, the leader of Eurocommunism, in 1980 — "Now it is up to us" — could become reality.

But ten hours after their swearing-in, they had resigned because the chamber of deputies refused to allow the trial of Bettino Craxi, the former Socialist leader, on corruption charges. Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, the new prime minister, had to form a new cabinet.

The Italian "quiet" revolution is mincing up politicians. Until a month ago, Giulio Andreotti, the philosophical essence of power, slept his five hours a night. Now he is a shaken man, looking all his 74 years, 50 of which were spent on the most important seats of Italy. Signor Andreotti, who protests his innocence, will face trial for alleged links with the Mafia.

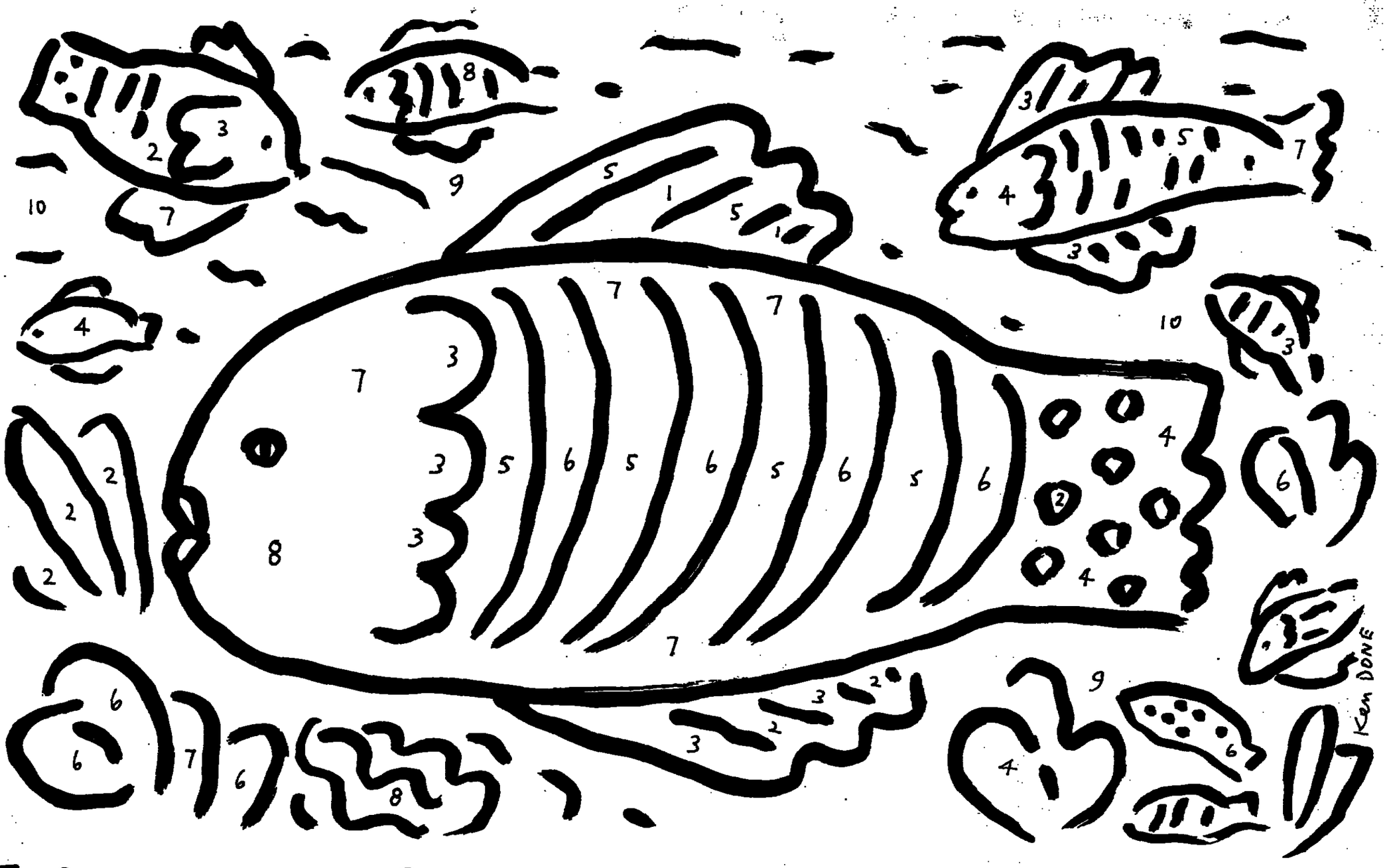
While the *ancien régime* was falling and the economy trembling, many voices in the media began to shout "Our democracy is at risk." But there is not even a tinkling of bayonets in our armed forces. The very idea of disillusion in the army has been dismissed, from the humblest corporal to the highest general, as ridiculous. Mario Buscemi, the deputy army chief of staff, declared only a madman could contemplate a coup.

So our institutions really do appear unshakable as President Scalfaro recently affirmed. But there is a problem in Italy, which is generating its current, peaceful revolution. According to Benjamin Constant, revolution breaks out when the pact between the institutions and the ideals of the people disintegrates. The wave of corruption and kickbacks coming to the surface in the country has made Italians believe that a big percentage of the political class has broken election pledges. This explains why another institution, the judiciary, is receiving high praise.

After the arrest of more than 250 people at the top of the managerial and political class and discovery of a mountain of billions of lire in bribes, Operation Clean Hands has the same role as the Club des Jacobins in the French Revolution. Some days ago the rector of Milan University could proudly announce that applications to study at the faculty of law, giving access to jobs in the judiciary, had risen by 60 per cent, compared to the previous year.

Italians are truly angry with their political class. That is why the maiden speech of Signor Ciampi was received coldly by parliament, which is the weakest institution in the country at the moment. Our members of parliament know perfectly well that as soon as the Italian electoral system is changed at least 70 per cent of them will be dismissed from office.

Paolo Bonaiuti is deputy editor of Il Messaggero *of Rome*



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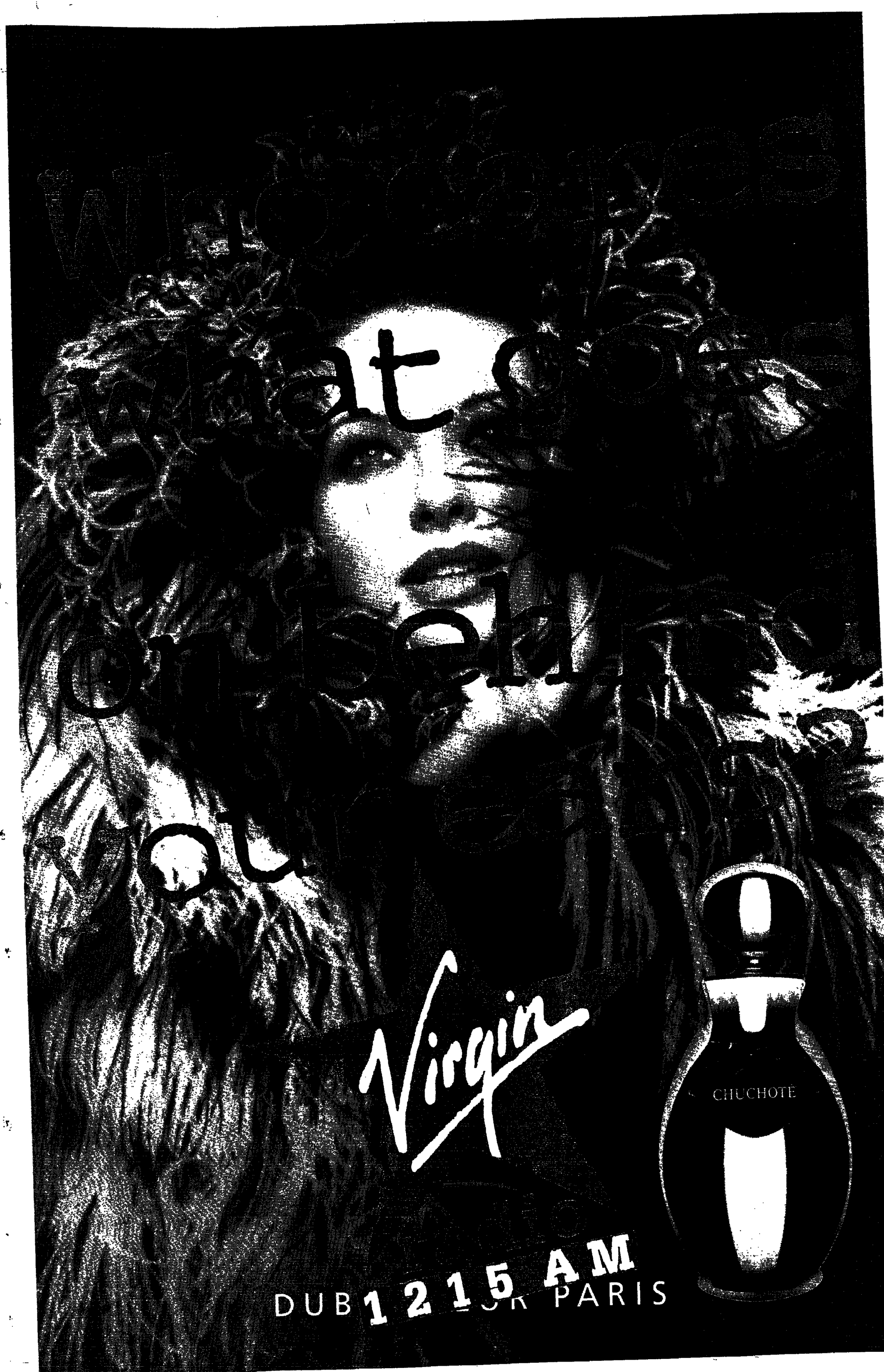
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Belgrade strongman wrestles to pin down ruthless general



Milosevic appointed Mladic head of army

FROM TIM JUDAH IN BELGRADE

TWO SERB strongmen are pitted against each other in the struggle for the soul of the Bosnian Serbs.

General Ratko Mladic, their military leader, has been a prominent voice in the resistance to the Vance-Owen peace plan. He is in no doubt that he is charged with the defence of the Orthodox Christian world. Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian president who has played the nationalist card with such devastating effect, is trying to force the genie he has unleashed back into the bottle.

In an interview published in the newspaper *Vecernje Novosti* yesterday, General Mladic said: "Regardless of what we decide, the West will continue to implement its infernal plan. What is at stake is an attempt to disunite the Orthodox world, and even annihilate it."

In the small hours of Monday morning, the general could be seen through the glass windows of the hotel restaurant where Bosnian Serb deputies were meeting. He was gesturing towards a map of the proposed division of Bosnia over which he had superimposed another, showing how much territory the Serbs hold today.

Two hours later a glum looking President Milosevic stalked out and his government announced it was cutting supplies to the Bosnian Serbs. General Mladic, however, emerged all smiles. His speech is credited with being the most decisive in convincing the Bosnian parliament to reject the plan.

■ Slobodan Milosevic has unleashed forces he can no longer control. General Mladic, a Serb zealot, is one of them

When the history books are written, General Mladic will be remembered as one of the most important figures in the wars of former Yugoslavia. A career officer, he was the head of the Knin Corps of the Yugoslav Army when the Serbs of Croatia, supplied by and fighting with his troops, carved out a third of the republic's territory for themselves in the bloody struggle that began in spring 1991.

After the Yugoslav Army left Croatia, General Mladic was appointed head of the army in Sarajevo by President Milosevic. It was a key move, made days before the Yugoslav Army pulled out of Bosnia last May and was made against the wishes of the army hierarchy. Being a Bosnian Serb from Kalinovik, General Mladic became, as planned, the commander-in-chief of the new army of the self-proclaimed Bosnian Serb republic.

Within days he had struck terror into the hearts of the population of Sarajevo. Bosnian Radio played over and over again an alleged intercepted tape recording of him talking by radio to subordinates whose mountain positions overlooked a Sarajevo suburb. "Blast Pofalici," he said, "don't let them sleep a wink, there aren't many Serbs there."

General Mladic rails today that the Serbs are facing a re-emergence of German-Austro-Hungarian imperialism and are engaged in a deadly struggle with a new Croatian fascism and a Vatican plot. Many Serbs say this but the difference with the general is that he really appears to believe it.

He is loved by his troops and mobbed by women and children when he walks in the streets. Ruthless, emotional, erratic and aggressive are all words commonly used to describe him. Diplomats on the Vance-Owen team are impressed by the general, even though he is one of the leading opponents of their Bosnian peace plan.

A UN official who once stood on a hill in the Serb-controlled part of Croatia with him said: "He looked down and described in the minutest detail battles and fights in all the surrounding villages. He knew all the dates and even all the names of those who had been killed."

While General Mladic says today that he is against the Vance-Owen plan, this may not be his last word. After the Vance plan for Croatia was signed he had firmly stated several times that the Yugoslav Army would never withdraw from the area. Within weeks they had gone.

Last month he said UN troops would only enter the besieged Muslim enclave of Srebrenica "over my dead body, that of my mother, my wife and my sister". Days later, a Canadian UN contingent entered the town.



Mladic: credited with rejecting peace plan

Clinton turns wrath on European allies for delaying tactics

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

THE Bosnian Serb parliament's rejection of the Vance-Owen peace plan has angered Washington, but that anger is being directed less at the intransigent Serbs than at European allies who refuse to approve the tough new action President Clinton wants. Britain, France and other allies are in danger of becoming Washington's whipping boys.

A senior White House official contacted British journalists before Warren Christopher left for his tour of European capitals last Saturday to emphasise that the Secretary of State was going for genuine consultations, not to dictate policy. Compare that with the tone of Mr Clinton's remarks after the Bosnian Serbs' vote. He had instructed Mr Christopher to intensify the pressure on the Europeans and to be "insistent that the time has come for the international community to unite and act quickly and decisively". America was "ready to do its part", the president said, "but Europe must be willing to act with us. We must go forward together".

The New York Times yesterday reported that exasperated Clinton aides were likening the allies to a family living in an upstairs flat while the ground floor is on fire. They "refuse to call the fire department because they do not want their carpet to get wet as the fire is extinguished".

Not since the Cold War, said *The Los Angeles Times*, "when Nato Secretary General Lord Carrington grumbled that the Western alliance was made up of 'American cowboys and Eurowimps', has the split in attitudes between Washington and its allies been so apparent".

The guts of the policy Mr Christopher presented to the allies was arming Bosnia's Muslims and using air strikes to protect them until that process was complete. He returned to Washington last night having secured the support only of Turkey, and to a lesser extent Germany and Italy, for that approach, with Britain and France still resolutely opposed to lifting the arms embargo.

Mr Clinton and Anthony Lake, his national security adviser, expressed optimism that America and its allies would reach a consensus "fairly shortly", and there is talk of Mr Christopher returning to Europe next week. But a senior British official said he was baffled by that optimism. "I have seen no evidence of any softening on lifting the arms embargo" by either Britain or France, he said, adding that the only consensus was on the necessity for "stronger measures".

American optimism appeared to be based partly on the assumption that the Bosnian Serb vote has, as a *New York Times* editorial put it yesterday, "ripped away the diplomatic fig leaf behind which EC governments have been hiding". Washington's hope was "that after Wednesday night's vote the Europeans will take a still harder look at the [military] strategy we have laid out for them", one senior administration official said.

But the administration also knows that ultimately the Europeans would almost certainly rather accept the American approach, however unpalatable, than risk an open rift with Washington that would undermine the Atlantic alliance and the American commitment to Europe. The allies "do not want to diverge from the US position", an official told *The Wall Street Journal*.

In the meantime, diplomats suggested America was covertly seeking to "divide and rule", trying to pick off individual allies until the others signed up out of fear of isolation. The Germans are seen as most malleable, followed by the French, with the British last.

Even if Mr Clinton does secure allied backing, he will still have problems achieving a consensus for action at home. A CBS poll yesterday showed 52 per cent felt America had no responsibility for the Balkans, with just 37 per cent arguing the opposite. A *USA Today* poll showed Americans opposed air strikes by 55 per cent to 36.

Colin Powell, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, made his reservations clear in a private meeting with congressmen on Thursday. Asked why he opposed the use of force last week but now appeared to favour it, he reportedly replied that he was doing his job but still believed force should be used massively or not at all. His statements "did not strike me as a ringing endorsement or a call to arms", William Cohen, a Republican senator, said afterwards.

☐ **Belgrade:** Two famed 16th century mosques were blown up in the northern Bosnian town of Banja Luka yesterday in an attack condemned by the United Nations as an attempt to terrorise Muslims into flight.

Police sealed off the area around the Ferhad-Pasha and Arnaudija mosques after two powerful blasts. Dobrica Cosic, the Yugoslav president, called the attacks an act of barbarity and said they were "the final warning to all reasonable and responsible people" to end the civil war. *(Reuter)*

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TRANSATLANTIC TENSION

Bear gets armed escort to safety

Vitez: British UN troops, using honey-coated apples, coaxed MacKenzie, the brown bear, into a steel transport cage yesterday ready to evacuate him to safety today. A dozen soldiers, three Warrior fighting vehicles, an armoured recovery vehicle with a crane, and two lorries were deployed to fetch "Big Mac" from his cage in a sniper zone near Vitez, after local Croat officials reluctantly agreed that he should be moved to the Adriatic coast.

The four-year-old bear, named after General Lewis MacKenzie, the Canadian who led UN troops in Sarajevo last year, will be taken to the safe Croatian port city of Split on a British army lorry. Two Warriors will provide an escort. *(Reuter)*



Peeping Tommy: a lance corporal watches for snipers from behind a torn canvas while on guard duty at the British base in Vitez. More than 700 British soldiers are on duty in the area as part of the UN force

Fiasco that undermines the alliance

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

UNDER the relentless pressure of the grisly battles in Bosnia, the alliance which used to be known as "the West" is coming under serious strain.

On the diplomatic surface, all is well. Ministers shuttle back and forth. The machinery of consultation and decision hums. Nato and the United Nations are working overtime. But generals drafting plans for a Nato force to supervise the Vance-Owen plan for the partition of Bosnia made a sobering discovery. None of their masters — not even America, Britain or France — had a clue what they were doing. The Vance-Owen document should have been one piece of a jigsaw; but the other bits never appeared. What was the overall aim? When could UN soldiers fire in anger? Who runs the town council? The ministers who met so frequently did not even want to hear these questions, let alone answer them.

The Serbs realised quickly that the UN's apparent determination to influence events was empty. Their parliament's rejection of the Vance-Owen plan would "focus" the decision on stronger action, Warren Christopher, the American Secretary of State, said here this week. The Serb zigzag had precisely the opposite effect. The allies remain as divided as ever and British ministers are now hinting that they may go along with America's next mistake for the sake of transatlantic unity. That admission reveals that relations between Europe and America are under dangerous strain.

The allies now stand all but paralysed. They hesitate to go forward for fear of being dragged into an unending conflict by slow degrees. European stability might be better guaranteed by allowing the civil war to take its course and restricting outside efforts to ensuring that no trouble spills over in Kosovo or Macedonia.

The tension between foreign policy based on moral needs and one based on cold-eyed judgements about national interests is as old as history. But the UN Security Council must come to terms with the need to tackle the dilemma again in the new nationalist politics of the post-Cold War age.

If the governments of the "West" wish to avoid being summoned by public emotion to police ethnic flashpoints, they had better define where they will act and where they will allow events to take their course. When they act, they had better be ready to do so quickly and decisively. If they fail and repeat the Bosnian fiasco, America's ties of trust with Europe will surely fracture.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Delegates agree on a deadline for election

Johannesburg: South Africa's first non-racial election will be held not later than the end of April next year and the exact date for it will be set within the next four weeks, delegates at the multiparty constitutional negotiations agreed yesterday (Ray Kennedy writes).

It is the first major breakthrough in the talks since they were resumed last month after nearly a year's break. Only the right-wing Conservative Party opposed a declaration of intent approved by the other 25 delegations.

Strike spreads

Berlin: Hundreds more East German steelworkers downed tools while union officials prepared for a ballot to widen the strike after talks in the Baltic port of Rostock between IG Metall and employers broke down.

Activist ill

Harare: Chakufwa Chihana, 53, Malawi's leading pro-democracy activist, is coughing blood and suffering chest pains but still being forced to do hard labour in prison and to sleep on the bare floor of his cell, his lawyer said.

Mayor injured

Boston: Three people were arrested after the mayor here and four others were injured when blacks and whites hurled rocks and bottles at each other outside a high school after a student demonstration. *(AFP)*

Plea to pope

Rome: As the pope begins a pastoral visit to Sicily, widows of two anti-Mafia judges, Paolo Borsellino and Giovanni Falcone who were assassinated last year, asked the Roman Catholic Church to sever ties with Cosa Nostra.

Damages law

Bonn: Foreign victims of German neo-Nazi violence can get compensation under a bill approved by the Bundesrat. Most foreign victims had been excluded from a law that compensates only EC citizens. *(AP)*

Lost chords

Nesbit, Missouri: Tax agents seized pianos, guitars and mementos from the home of singer Jerry Lee Lewis and will auction them unless he pays over £1 million in back taxes. *(AP)*

Exports denial

Peking: China's foreign ministry denied reports that China had shipped missile parts to Pakistan in violation of an international treaty. *(Reuter)*

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Spectre of the Palestinian camps hangs over Bosnia

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN ZENICA

ZAIM Druzic has never seen the wretched refugee slums of Khan Younis, the Palestinian refugee camp in the occupied Gaza Strip, or experienced the resentment homeless Palestinians feel in their enforced exile in such host countries as Lebanon and Jordan.

But he knows enough about the miserable legacy of those displaced from Palestine in 1948 to realise that history may be repeating itself in the Balkans, where hundreds and thousands of his fellow Muslims have been made stateless in their own country, trapped in tiny pockets of land and under continuous harassment by the more powerful Serb and Croat communities.

Once the largest industrial town in central Bosnia, boasting a modern steel mill and coalmines, Zenica is today a city of refugees. Schools, factories and public buildings have been appropriated, either to house entire villages whose inhabitants have been expelled, or for use by the Bosnian army, the only institution which appears to have thrived in the present conflict.

The streets are filled with hundreds of aimless people too poor to afford anything from the in any event bare shelves of the shops. Groups of children cluster around any foreigners, begging for money and cigarettes. The only inhabitants who seem to have retained some form of livelihood are the shepherds and farmers in the public parks who brought their livestock with them.

For Mr Druzic, 35, a former manual worker from the Serb-controlled town of Bosanski Petrovac, and his colleagues, their horizons do not extend much beyond the playground at the Manilo Popic elementary school, a nondescript three-storey structure, now housing 20 refugees to a classroom. "I want to make one thing clear, we will not become the Palestinians of Europe," he said to enthusiastic nods from his fellows. "We will organise new lives for ourselves."

The refugees' stubborn refusal to accept their sad fate is regarded as ultimately futile by local aid workers, who point out that they are now having to distribute assistance not only to the 20,000 refugees, but to more than half of Zenica's population of 120,000. "There is no viable economy any more, the place is saturated with displaced persons, and so the entire area lives of international assistance," said Jorge de la Mota, representative of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees.

"The problem is that this is not a unique case; there are areas all over Bosnia where Muslims are squeezed into tiny pockets with no hope of ever being able to survive on their own," he said. "It is going to end up looking like the Palestinian camps."



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Khmer Rouge vows to launch mass offensive in days

FROM SUTIN WANNABOVORN IN PHUM THMIE, CAMBODIA

■ The communist rebels in Cambodia still deny they are attacking United Nations peacekeepers, but do have the 'Vietnamese aggressors and their puppets' in their sights

KHMER Rouge guerrillas are poised for a big assault on towns controlled by the Phnom Penh government in northwestern Cambodia, a senior officer of the rebel group said yesterday.

Asking not to be identified, he said Khmer Rouge reinforcements were approaching Sisophon, Battambang and Siem Reap and were poised to strike. "I think the attack on the Vietnamese and their puppets will take place in the next few days," he added. The present government was formed by the Vietnamese, who occupied Cambodia from 1979 to 1989, and is still backed by them.

The Khmer Rouge also denied yesterday that its troops had attacked United Nations peacekeepers. It said the UN had become a hostage to the Phnom Penh administration and had lost control of Cambodia.

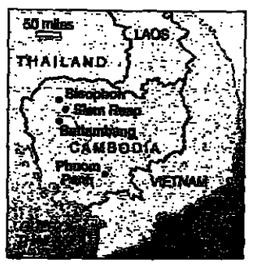
The rebel group has opted out of a 1991 peace agreement and refuses to lay down its arms or take part in multiparty elections scheduled to begin on May 23. The rebels have also withdrawn to their jungle stronghold and refuse to attend meetings of the Cambodian all-faction reconciliation body, the Supreme National Council, because they say it is unsafe.

At a press conference in this Khmer Rouge stronghold near the Thai border, also known as Phum Malai, Mak Ben, a spokesman for the rebels, said they were being slandered for political reasons. He said a spokesman for the UN Transitional Authority in Cambodia (Untac) and elements inside and outside it had tried to accuse the Khmer Rouge of attacks against Untac personnel from Japan, India, China and Poland. He said the Khmer Rouge "categorically rejects that slanderous accusation, motivated by ill political intentions. It is clear to all that Vietnamese aggressors and their puppets are responsible for the attacks.

"The Untac authorities have lost control of the situation and have become the hostage of the Vietnamese aggressors and their puppets."

The United Nations force has blamed the Khmer Rouge faction for two attacks on peacekeepers on Tuesday and one on Wednesday. United Nations officials said that the Khmer Rouge ambushed a UN convoy, killing one Japanese civilian policeman and wounding eight other peacekeepers.

Later on Tuesday, Khmer Rouge guerrillas attacked a Chinese engineering base and adjoining Polish facility with shells, rockets, mortars and



small arms, UN officials said. United Nations investigators said an attack on a train northwest of Phnom Penh on Wednesday was also the work of the Khmer Rouge. At least 13 people were killed and 34 were admitted to hospital after the attack.

The Khmer Rouge rebels are prime suspects for the attack early yesterday on a UN base in southern Kompong Speu province that caused a Filipino civilian police officer to die of a heart attack, a UN spokesman said. Four Bulgarian peacekeepers, a Colombian police officer and a Cambodian guard were wounded in the attack.

While denying the attacks on Tuesday and Wednesday, the Khmer Rouge spokesman admitted that the rebels played a role in the full-scale assault on Siem Reap, home of the Angor temples, on Monday. He described the attack as a people's revolution "against the Vietnamese aggressors and their puppets".

The Vietnamese invasion in late 1978 ended the Khmer Rouge's three-year reign of terror, an experiment in total communism that killed up to a million people by execution, starvation and disease. The rebels were forced to retreat into the jungle and subsequently fought a 13-year guerrilla war with the help of two other factions. That conflict appeared to be over when all four parties signed the peace agreement in Paris in October 1991. *(Reuter)*

☐ **Tokyo:** Junichiro Koizumi, the Japanese minister of post and telecommunications, said after a cabinet meeting yesterday that Japan should consider withdrawing its UN peacekeeping contingent from Cambodia. Debate over whether Japan should get involved in foreign conflicts has been rekindled by the death of the Japanese policeman in Tuesday's attack.

In approving peacekeeping activities last year, the government had "decided that Japan would offer its sweat in any international contribution, but it did not go as far as offering to shed blood", Mr Koizumi said.

The Kyodo news service reported yesterday that Japan's defence agency was secretly drawing up plans to withdraw troops from Cambodia because of the increasing tension. Takahiro Goto, a spokesman for the agency, denied the report, but suggested a withdrawal could occur after the Cambodian elections.

Japan's constitution prohibits any use of force in settling international disputes, and parliament passed a law allowing peacekeeping personnel to be sent abroad only after a clause was added to it limiting their dispatch to countries where a ceasefire is in effect. *(AP)*

AK47 is king in land of mayhem

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN SIEM REAP, CAMBODIA

THE Minefield bar, with defused landmines fixed to the walls, may be something of a sick joke in a country where so many have been crippled by these devices, but graffiti scrawled around the room expresses the concerns of United Nations peacekeepers in Cambodia.

"Only Mr Kalashnikov can bring order to this country," one message opines, in a reference to the AK47 assault rifle. The Kalashnikov is indeed king in this provincial capital, but it also appears to be the prime cause of the mayhem currently afflicting the area.

Major Ruslan Saliakhov is an unarmed Russian military observer who doesn't like being without a weapon when the Khmer Rouge and the Phnom Penh army hold up UN blue berets and steal their vehicles or when 500 Khmer Rouge guerrillas raid the town, as they did last Monday.

He helps monitor ceasefire violations here and knows that one stolen UN vehicle is now the personal transport of General Ta, otherwise known as Grandfather Mok, the merciless Khmer Rouge commander in northern Cambodia. According to one Cambodian, "people are so afraid of him they won't even say his name out loud".

It was Grandfather Mok who sent his forces into Siem Reap on Monday. UN sources said he was also behind the murder in March of 33 members of Vietnamese fishing families.

People in this town are also just as afraid of General Hong Sithi, the local officer of the Phnom Penh regime, who recently demolished homes in order to sell the land to Thai entrepreneurs.

Not unnaturally, locals say they dread the departure of the UN blue berets in August. "Who will protect us then?" asked a woman vendor in the market. Their only choice is between General Hong and Grandfather Mok — and that offers very little comfort.

Thuggery taints Masai image

FROM SAM KILEY IN NAIROBI

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Tribal pride: the Masai have enjoyed a reputation as a naturally photogenic people. But their warriors are now widely perceived as hoodlums for hire

MASAI warriors, who on average stand over six feet tall and naturally strike photogenic poses, their plaited hair worn past the shoulder and red with ochre, have enjoyed playing the role of the noble savage in films such as *Out of Africa*. But they have developed a reputation in Kenya for murder, theft and political thuggery.

A gang of *moran* (warriors) murdered six members of a rival ethnic group recently, and the government has regularly commissioned them as freelance ruffians to attack opposition supporters. Now they are seen by many Kenyans as violent lackeys of a regime they do not understand. The decline in popularity of the Masai has spread to the tourist sector after repeated armed attacks against visitors to the Masai Mara Reserve as well as Tsavo and Amboseli national parks. It comes with what Kenneth Matiba, leader of the opposition, believes is a government attempt to propagate tribal strife in Kenya, especially in the Rift Valley and the area around Molo, once the centre of the rich White Highlands in colonial times.

Although the valley has been the scene of cattle-raiding between the Masai, Kalengin, Pokot, Karamajong, and Turkana peoples for centuries, until recently the mixed-tribe settlements in the highlands were seen as a triumph of peaceful integration. But since President Moi gave a warning against the introduction of multiparty politics and said it would lead to tribal conflict, his ethnic group, the Kalengin, and their allies, the Masai, have been at the centre of clashes which have cost at least 800 lives and made up to 100,000 people homeless since mid-1991.

When a hoard of about 100 Masai *moran* invaded Narok, about 80 miles west of Nairobi, killed six people and forced some 400 Kikuyu out of the town, Mr Moi's government was accused of doing nothing to end the conflict. Two days after the incident, William ole Ntimama, the minister for local government and a Masai, visited the town and implied that the Kikuyu deserved the thrashing they got. He added that he thought that non-Masai should apply for licenses to run businesses in the area.

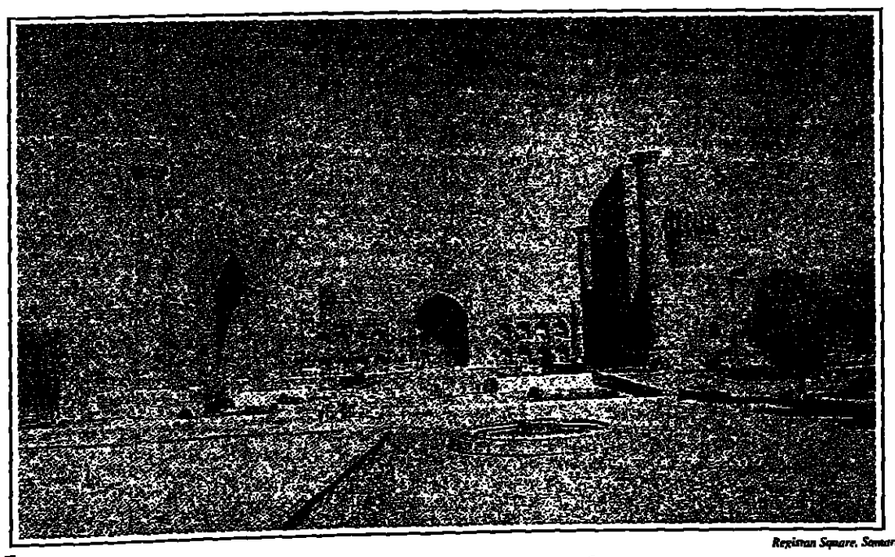
Soon after that Professor George Saitoti, the vice-president, who says he is a Masai, signed the Kitengela declaration, a "defence pact" with the warrior Kamba. Joseph Kamotho, the general secretary of the ruling Kenya African National Union and the education minister, regularly commissions Masai *moran* to beat up opposition demonstrators.

"President Moi and his close associates (all of them from Rift Valley warrior groups) have concentrated on rule by division," said a Western ambassador in Nairobi yesterday. "He has enlisted the support of the more backward tribes to take on the opposition-dominated and well-educated Kikuyu, Luo and Luhya. The result is increasing tension across the country. The future looks grim if this sort of thing continues."

The Kikuyu are reported to be conducting "oathing" ceremonies, as they did during the Mau Mau rebellion, which they lead against British colonial domination. "We are all frightened of the power of the Kikuyu," said Francis Lomodok, a Turkana clerk in Nairobi. "They make a good army, have the best education and have magic. If they attack the other tribes they will win."

☐ **Witchcraft claim:** Mary Wanjiru, a Kenyan MP of the opposition Ford-Asili party, told parliament she was a prophetess who could talk to God, and complained of "evil spells and witchcraft" in parliament, newspapers reported. "I had to pray a lot to cast away evil spells and witchcraft in the house and it is after casting them away that I am now able to stand and talk freely," she said, wearing a traditional headdress for her maiden speech. Ms Wanjiru said God had told her that Kenya was on the verge of economic collapse because of "sabotage" by ministers. *(AFP)*

SAMARKAND to BUKHARA



Registan Square, Samarkand

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The legacy of Tamburlaine in Central Asia is manifest in the magnificent buidings and architecture of Samarkand and the glorious Timurid mosques and shrines of Bukhara. Samarkand was one of the great medieval trading centres, a place where the caravan highways - of the Silk Road from China, the trails to India and to Marco Polo's Europe - all met and crossed. It was therefore no wonder that Tamburlaine, and later his grandson Ulug Beg, invested in his capital to make it worthy of its important position. The Registan, the main square, is the centrepiece surrounded on three sides by buildings whose pillars, arches and domes explore perfection in colour and shape.

Bukhara's great days began in the 9th and 10th centuries when it was the seat of the Samanid dynasty, but even when they were deposed, and Samarkand prospered, the city remained an important trading centre on the Silk Road. The old town is a treaure trove of old and beautiful buildings dotted around a warren of jumbled streets with the Ark, a citadel with 18-metre walls, dominating the main square.

comprehensive visit will be made to all the main sights of King Tamburlaine's former capital, including the Mausoleum, Registan Square flanked by three great Medressehs, the Great Mosque and the Sakhinda burial complex.

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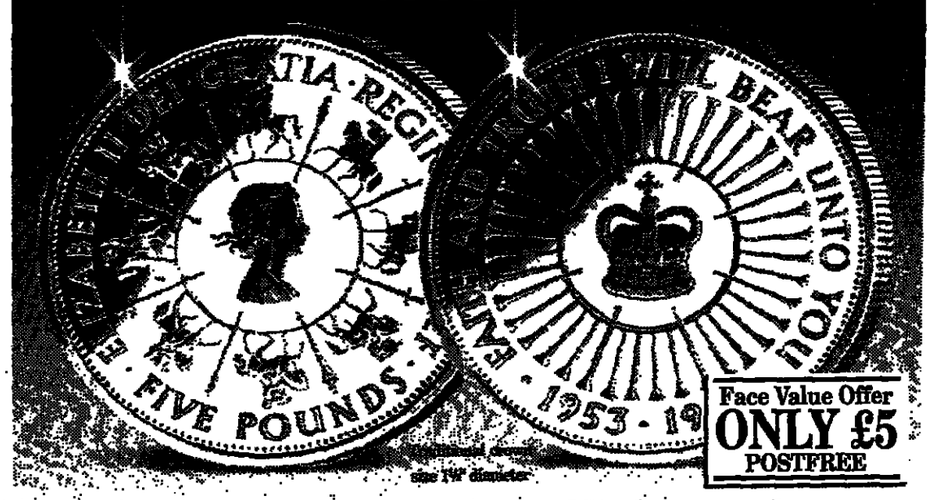
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There is more hate than Americans imagined in the love-hate relationship with their shrinks

Neither Woody Allen nor Mia Farrow nor any of their various children, adopted or otherwise, seems likely to emerge in the end as a winner from the long and bitter custody trial which ended in New York this week. But some clear losers have already been identified. These are the shrinks, the professional psychotherapists, who have paraded day after day as expert witnesses before an increasingly bemused and sceptical judge.

Every member of the extended Allen-Farrow family seems to have been in therapy, and a fat lot of good it seems to have done them. As a writer in *The Washington Post* somewhat crudely put it, "The fact that a family can employ this many $150-an-hour therapists and still be this screwed up could give the whole mental health profession a public shiner."

The most striking example of failed treatment would appear to be Woody Allen himself who, it has been reported, has been in therapy for 33 years, 21 of them with the same woman psychoanalyst. But no amount of counselling could stop him from embarking on a reckless love affair with his wife's adopted daughter, Soon-Yi, half-sister of the three children he has been fighting for custody of. Apologists for the profession have been reduced to suggesting that Mr Allen might be in an even worse condition if he had not already been in therapy for a third of a century.

Therapists have come out no better as witnesses in the trial. Justice Elliott Wilk, who has finished hearing evidence but has still to pass judgment on the custody issue, attempted time and again to get them to advise him what should be done in the best interests of the children, but all they seemed able to suggest was more and more therapy.

When one psychologist referred to Mr Allen's affair with Soon-Yi as a case of "impaired judgment", the judge soon lost his patience and said: "Bad judgment is when people are playing hooky from school. This is something more than that." The psychologist reconsidered, and then described it instead as an example of "faulty parenting practices".

If going to a shrink is perhaps no longer quite as fashionable as it used to be, New York remains the world capital of psychotherapy, with more therapists per head than anywhere else.

A ripple of shock has therefore run through the city following publication this week in *The New York Times* of a national survey showing that therapists, far from being the calm, unflappable people they are popularly imagined to be, are actually often harbouring the most intense emotions towards their patients. Nearly a third of those questioned admitted to actually hating at least one of their patients, and 46 per cent said they had on occasion been so angry that they had done something to a patient that they had later regretted. (What kind of thing, one wonders?)

Hardly less disturbing is the revelation that almost 90 per cent of therapists have been sexually attracted to a patient and 58 per cent have become sexually aroused in a patient's presence. But hatred, fear, and anger are the emotions that therapists say they have to live with it most. Eighty-three per cent of them say that they have at some time been afraid that a patient might physically attack them, and 51 per cent say they have suffered fantasies reflecting that fear.

Fifty-seven per cent admit to having raised their voices at a patient because they felt angry, and the reasons for their anger include not only a patient's provocative behaviour in the consulting room, but also such things as patients being late for therapy sessions or in paying their therapists' bills.

> Many therapists don't know how to deal with their passions

"Of course," explained *The New York Times*, "strong passions in patient and therapist alike are understandable amid the hothouse of the therapy session, where people are free to reveal their raw fantasies and primal rages and terrors — with the therapist sometimes being the target."

But the survey showed that large numbers of therapists don't know how to deal with these understandable passions, as they are called. Half of them said they had poor training in how to handle fear, and two-thirds said they had little or no training in how to control sexual excitement.

While many modern psychoanalysts believe that the emotional reactions of therapists — properly controlled, of course — play a useful therapeutic role, most patients probably expect priest-like detachment from their counsellors and share Freud's view that the therapist's own feelings are an obstacle to treatment.

"I was shocked when I read the report," one person in therapy told me. "I don't expect my therapist to have no feelings, but it never occurred to me that he might actually hate me."

The trust that must exist between patient and therapist will surely be less easy to sustain now it is known that 83 per cent of therapists say they become angry merely because their crippling bills have not been paid on time.

Western military involvement in Bosnia would meet the three classic criteria for political stupidity

Follies of war

Simon Jenkins

What a way to go to war! The prime minister and the American president are preparing to send 30,000 troops to Bosnia in a venture that neither believes in. They have no support from their publics. They have no support from their diplomatic or military advisers. If they go ahead it will be because Bill Clinton and John Major feel too insecure to pull back. Such is the illogic of war.

Folly, wrote Barbara Tuchman, is ignored by most historians of politics, yet it is the most enduring political phenomenon. Folly, she wrote, is "independent of era or locality ... Monarchy, oligarchy and democracy produce it equally, nor is it peculiar to nation or class." While every other science has advanced over the ages, government is just as vulnerable to crassness today as it was two thousand years ago. Tuchman offered three criteria for a classic "folly". A policy had to be acknowledged as foolish when it was formulated; there had to be an alternative policy available; and the policy had to be approved by a ruling collective, and not the act of a mad individual.

The Bosnia operation meets all three criteria. The opposition varies from sceptical to downright appalled, and includes America's most senior soldier, General Colin Powell; the military head of Nato, Field Marshall Sir Richard Vincent; the British Foreign Office and the American State Department; the British and French defence ministries; the Pentagon, except the air force, and the UN secretary-general (at least initially). Intervention has few friends among Balkanologists.

That alternatives exist is palpably true. The Bosnian Serbs are approaching the endgame of their war for Greater Serbia. This involves the establishment of a *de facto* border between them and the Croats over the corpse of "independent" Bosnia. The Serbs will now consolidate their territory, leaving Sarajevo and perhaps a handful of other towns as UN-supplied Muslim enclaves.

Ever since the West's recognition of Bosnian secession a year ago, the only uncertainty has been how long this partition would take. The West can summon futile conferences, draw maps, turn Milosevic into a peacemaker. It can mouth threats, prime bombs, pinpoint targets and brief the world on how moral and lethal and clever it is. Nothing will stop the partition of Bosnia. Intervention may postpone it. We may turn every Serb into an extreme nationalist. We may even turn President Milosevic back into a warmonger. But partition will happen, and a sort of peace should ensue.

This will only be broken if the Muslims are encouraged to recapture land awarded them by the Vance-Owen map. If that happens, if the Muslims advance out of their enclaves, killing and burning Serbs in revenge, then hell will resume and we shall be party to it. That is why Mr Clinton's favoured policy of bombing bridges and restocking the Muslim arsenals is as crazy a "pursuit of peace" as can be imagined. And this from the crusaders against Johnson and Nixon in Vietnam!

Europe's marginally less murderous option is to put huge numbers of troops on the ground. At present the West is imitating Lord Raglan's camp before the Battle of Balaclava. Mr Hurd wants "no bullets". General Powell hears the word surgical and "heads for his bunker". America's UN ambassador likens Britain to *Alice in Wonderland*. Lord Owen first wants troops deployed irrespective of Serb defiance, then does not. As this point, Lord Raglan gets hopelessly confused: "Oh, tell Lord Lucan that the cavalry is to attack immediately," he signals, omitting the objective. The Light Brigade is on its way.

Any attempt to push the Serbs back to the Vance-Owen borders would mean more carnage and atrocity. One third of Serb-held land would have to be captured and held indefinitely against a guerrilla army. Co-operation from Serbia's President Milosevic would vanish. This makes no sense as a war policy or a peace policy.

But if outside troops are not to retake territory, they can only garrison the Muslim havens. This is fine, until the Muslims try themselves to enforce the Vance-Owen map. (There is a wealth of murder in that map.) The havens are not passive refugee camps. They are hotbeds of Muslim revanchism. If British troops do not fight Serbs to impose the map, they will end up having to fight Muslims to stop its imposition. An awful warning is the fate of the equally fanciful UN map for the Serbian enclave of Krajina. The Croats have not won back "their" road through Krajina. The Serbs will not give it up in a hundred years. The United Nations troops will not make them. They will be killed if they try. The UN is thus the uneasy guardian of ethnic cleansing.

There is a moral alternative to these policies, in my view the only moral intervention possible in a civil war. It is the "Ethiopia" policy of impartial relief of suffering. The aid convoys may lack camera appeal, but they do not "stand idly by". They save lives. That politicians have forgotten them does not mean they do not work.

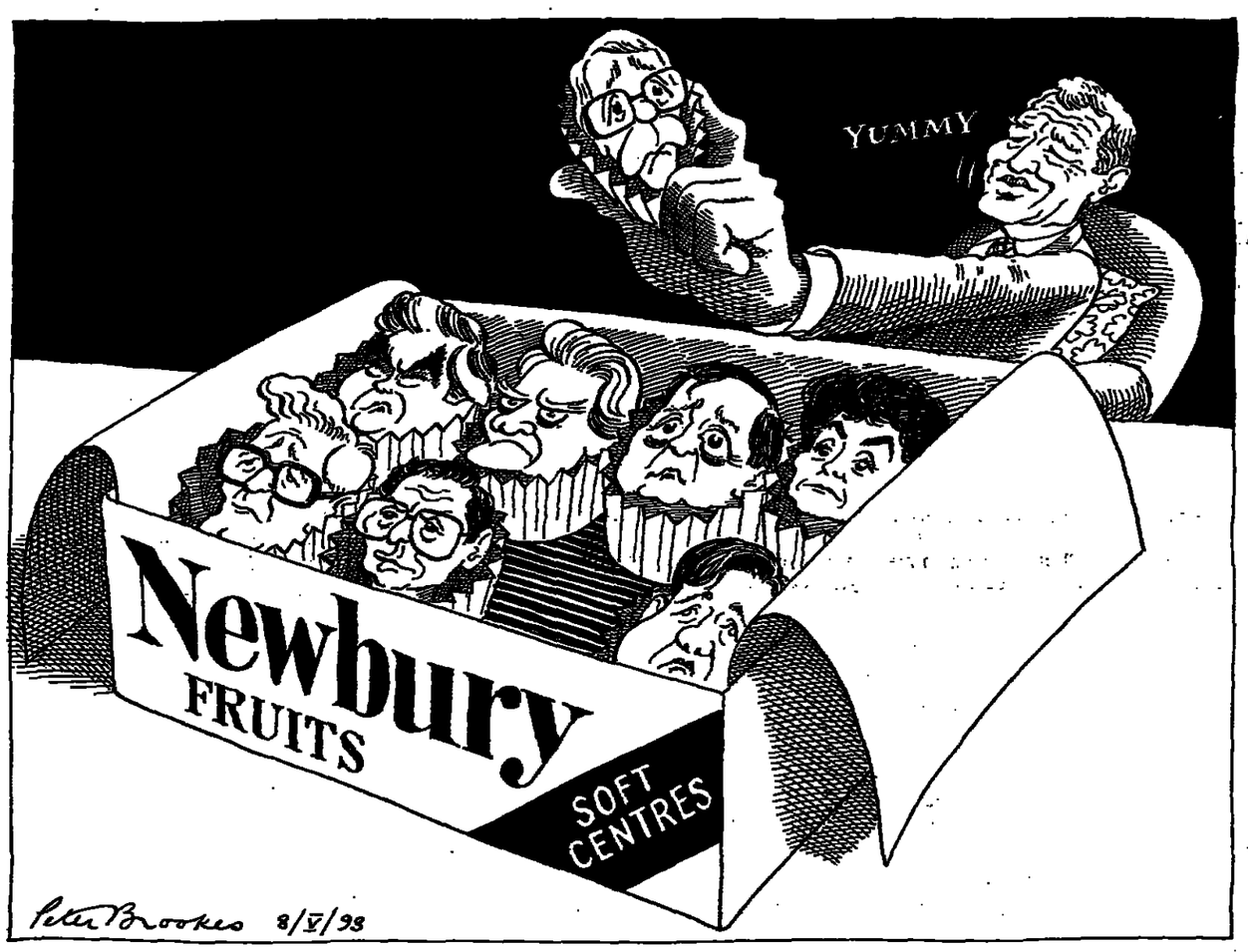
Using soldiers to protect these convoys is one thing. Using soldiers to enforce a disputed border is quite another. It tips intervention over into war: precisely what Mr Hurd promised would not happen in Bosnia. In war there are no half-measures. The slide to total involvement is unavoidable. This is the folly.

As for Tuchman's third criterion, that a folly must be collective not individual, I fear the worst. Western action seems intent on prolonging a terrible civil war. Why? The answer must lie deep in the reflexes of political leaders, reflexes strong enough to disregard all advice. In Britain's case, the folly is that of ministers who find they are party to a collective madness and do not have the courage to say so. But then there is no cabinet government in Britain. There is only prime ministerial government. John Major could stop the nonsense. Yet he dare not openly oppose the Americans.

Mr Clinton for his part dare not concede his impotence in Bosnia, so he passes the buck to Europe. Everybody accuses everybody else of indecision. Everybody thinks themselves trapped. Nobody cares about the Balkans. This is about seeming tough. It is the curse of foreign policy.

Another hesitant 'nej'?

Peter Stothard, Editor of *The Times*, meets Danish readers and Maastricht doubters



There was no political life in the Tivoli Gardens until the path reached the place where the elephants and dogs perform dances. As a small group of us stood on the clean grass verge, waiting to ask Copenhageners how they will vote in their imminent Maastricht referendum, I kept a copy of *The Times* under my arm, fearing that without some identification, I would be mistaken by visitors to the world's most civilised funfair for a man selling English holidays or giving away ghost-ride tickets.

The ploy was not necessary. A young man reacted almost immediately. "Ah, *The Times*," he said. "The Great Danes. Very good." I looked back at him in surprise. The dogs whose daily duty at Tivoli is to drape their tails around the jumbos' trunks are not Great Danes but St Bernards. And if speakers of Danish wish to refer to a a large rangy dog with a short coat they use French, *un Danois*. The reference, it transpired, was to nothing canine but to the title of a *Times* leading article in March, which argued that the people of Denmark, for their sake and ours, should again vote "no" to Maastricht.

It would be encouraging to think that the Editor of *The Times* could stand in St James's Park, mention the heading of one of his prized editorials, and receive immediate recognition. One might, however, wait some time for what at Tivoli came as quickly as an elephant eats a bun.

True, this article had received some publicity. Since only one out of almost 50 Danish newspapers opposes the Maastricht treaty, our editorial had been translated by a Copenhagan daily, and its message had been promulgated by campaigners for another "no" to match the unexpected "nej" last June.

With the Editor of *The Sunday Telegraph*, Charles Moore, I had gone to Denmark to help explain to doubting Danes that they were not alone in their doubts. We had just addressed a small press conference — a curious experience for one more accustomed to asking the questions — and I had been introduced as "the man who gave you the Great Danes".

The Times has, it is true, spent probably more effort on Denmark in the past few months than at any time since we supported the Danish cause in the 1860s squabbles with Prussia over Schleswig-Holstein. Sadly, however, as Mr Moore pointed out, promises from Britain then turned out to be worth little against Prussian power. So we discouraged our listeners from taking too much hope from the admiration for Denmark's stance that the readers of both our newspapers have expressed.

The Danes wanted to be assured that Britain would stand by them if they voted "no", and that John Major and Douglas Hurd would not simply exclude them from a "son of Maastricht" deal with the rest of the Community. It was impossible to give such an assurance; possible only to say that the British government's weakness, shown in yesterday's election results, would make any such action very difficult. This did not seem reassurance enough; once the results from Newbury are broadcast in Copenhagen, the prospect may seem a little better.

The questioners wanted to know if Britons too were worried by the threat to their national sovereignty and identity from the pressure for political union. I reported that many of our readers indeed took that view. One supporter of a referendum for Britain, telephoning from Newbury itself a few weeks ago, praised the Great Danes leader, and recalled the benefits brought to English life by the rule of King Canute. Perhaps the Danes might do a similar service to northern European values again, she said.

As for other Great Danes? The father of existential philosophy, Søren Kierkegaard wrote a book called *Fear and Trembling*, which certainly reflects the attitude of the political leaders today who confidently expected a "yes" last June. A young teacher in the audience argued that Kierkegaard, an opponent of German philosophical ideas, would have backed the "no" campaign, but that sadly the great old man is not as influential as he once was.

In this second referendum campaign, the "yes" supporters have been much more skilful. The polls, though narrowing, still gave them an 11-point lead yesterday. Since Danes trust British names more than Dutch ones, it is surprisingly common to hear about Edinburgh (the summit at which John Major organised the so-called Danish opt-outs), and surprisingly less common to hear anything about Maastricht. The European Community (which is popular) is praised: European union is scarcely ever mentioned. The empty threats of job losses after a "no" vote have been dropped; a generalised vision of prosperity is offered if the vote is "yes".

Exactly 150 years ago, according to Baedeker, the Danish King founded his pioneering amusement park because "if the people are kept amused they do not get involved in politics". This is now a Tivoli Gardens campaign of which King Christian would enthusiastically have approved.

In memoriam

BLOODIED and bowed they may be, but Newbury Tories will not be slinking into a dark corner to lick their wounds — not yet awhile. Instead, they will be out in force today at the memorial service for Sir Michael McNair-Wilson, Tory MP for the Berkshire town from 1974 to 1992.

The timing is cruel, but McNair-Wilson's family and friends are determined to make the service a celebration. To that end, the organisers have decided that not a word will be uttered from the pulpit of St Nicholas's about the humiliating by-election result. McNair-Wilson, who had a 17,000 majority the last time he defended the seat, died shortly after the Tories made their ill-fated decision to pick Julian Davidson.

Sir Richard Body, Tory MP for Holland-with-Boston but a fellow Newbury resident, spent last night working on a tribute to his long-standing friend.

"It would not be right to talk about the defeat. The service is intended to honour a fine gentleman who I was privileged to know as a friend and colleague," Body says. "Michael would have been deeply disappointed and saddened by the result."

While taken aback by the scale of the defeat, Body says that he was not surprised. "The moment Norman Lamont came to Newbury declaring that he had no regrets I knew we had lost it."

His brother Sir Patrick McNair-Wilson, MP for New Forest, said: "The result would have been a personal tragedy for Micky who fought so hard to win this seat having been selected the day Edward Heath called the February 1974 election. He kept the Liberals at bay by only 1,000 votes."

● *Lord Tebbit's latest intervention on Maastricht did not go un-noted. Seen at yesterday's launch in the House of Lords of a new pamphlet was Laura Adshead, Europe officer in the research department of Conservative Central Office, or Miss Maastricht for short. Adshead was spotted at the door jotting down the names of everyone there. A day earlier one could have been certain she was compiling a blacklist of unsound Eurosceptics. Post-Newbury, perhaps she was hoping to spot someone electable.*

DIARY

Slice of luck

A 60-YEAR-OLD tradition, which started with the Australian cricket captain Sir Donald Bradman, will be continued today thanks to a deep freeze. Bradman, taken ill during a tour match with Somerset in the 1930s, was revived with a traditional whortleberry pie at the Castle Hotel, Taunton, where the team was staying.



Ever since, the Australian team captain is presented with a pie when the team stays there. But with the Australians arriving this weekend, for their match with Somerset, the hotel was stumped. The whortleberry, which grows on the Quantock hills, is out of season.

Kit Chapman, managing director, whose family has owned the hotel since Bradman's visit, says: "Not wishing to create an international incident, we put out an appeal. Somerset folk rallied round and a man arrived in the hotel today with five pounds from his deep freezer."

Allan Border, the captain, will be expected to eat the first slice tonight. Kit says: "It will be served with clotted cream, so we hope they eat rather a lot. It might give our boys a better chance on the pitch."

Classless?

COULD academic failings be the cause of the Tory's miserable performance? We are still little the wiser about John Major's O levels, and now there appear to be question marks hanging over his Cambridge-dominated cabinet.

This week's edition of *Varsity*, Cambridge University's newspaper, publishes the degrees of its better-known alumni in a feature which kicks off: "Want to be chairman of the Conservative party? Then fret not about exams." Sir Norman Fowler, it points out, came away from Cambridge with far from distinguished 3rd Class Honours in Law. Michael Howard, the Environment Secretary, fared little better with a 2.2; and Norman Lamont, who has admitted to difficulty in distinguishing threes from fives, notched up a 3rd in English Part I, and a lacklustre 2.2 — in Economics.

Poll position

MOST political experts were left with egg on their face over the size of the Liberal Democrat majority, but the BBC was taking no chances. After the fiasco of the last two general election exit polls, which were both wildly wrong, the BBC decided enough was enough. There would be no Newbury exit poll — at least publicly.

Privately, however, the BBC did commission a poll from NOP, which presided over the two general election exit surveys. Its purpose was to try to discover what went wrong last time, but alas the result will never be made public.

"It was never intended for publication," says Richard Glendinning, associate director of NOP. "I don't know if it forecast the scale of victory because we haven't had a chance to analyse it yet." Doesn't sound encouraging.





Gap in the credits

NOT sufficient ado, it seems, at the British Film Institute, which will celebrate the centenary of cinema next year by publishing *A Day in the Life of World Cinema*. The book will be a compilation of diaries kept by film people on June 10. Movie notables such as Sir Anthony Hopkins, Sir Richard Attenborough and Charlotte Rampling (*left*) have offered to contribute. But invitations to Kenneth Branagh (*right*), the great white hope of British cinema, have met with a blank.

A discreet Janet Willis from the BFI says: "We have sent invitations to Renaissance but there has been no answer. I would like to feel he would want to do it because he is a leading figure."

Branagh is in America promoting *Much Ado About Nothing*, but a Renaissance spokeswoman pleads ignorance. "I haven't seen any invitations. Did they send them to the right place? He's on holiday then, and it would depend on his schedule whether he could do it. But it is the kind of thing he might do. They only have to ask."

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THE BIG IF

If John Major is to recover he must start by admitting the truth

"I don't think you can be humiliated by democracy," declared John Major yesterday. If Thursday night's election results did not constitute humiliation for the government, it is hard to imagine what would. In the first opportunity that voters have had to register an opinion since the general election, they have cast the Conservatives out of every English and Welsh shire county except Buckinghamshire. The voters of Newbury gave the Liberal Democrats not just the 12.5 per cent swing needed to oust the Tory candidate, but 28.4 per cent. A Gallup poll for *The Daily Telegraph* found Mr Major's the most unpopular administration since the second world war.

Although the significance of by-election results can be exaggerated, let it not now be said that they make no difference. Had David Rendel simply scraped in at Newbury with a slim majority, the result might have been dismissed as a protest vote on the scale of Eastbourne in the last parliament. But to replace a 12,000 Tory majority with a 22,000 Liberal Democrat lead shows a level of political indignation that cannot be ignored. Coupled with the worst local election results for the Conservatives since local government was reorganised 20 years ago, Thursday night evidenced a level of dissatisfaction with the governing classes seen up until now only on the Continent.

Britain has finally caught up with its European partners. The French, Germans, Italians and Spanish have already shown their exasperation with tired, dishonest and corrupt politicians. Britain's ruling classes may not benefit financially from their jobs, but in other respects they have become hardly less reprehensible than their Continental colleagues. Ministers' consistent dishonesty about the causes of the recession, their weaselling words from Maastricht to Matrix Churchill, have turned the voters of Britain against them.

It is tempting simply to put the government's humiliation down to "the economy, stupid", in the words of Bill Clinton's advisers. But the electorate is more sophisticated than that. Yes, people have paid dearly for the recession. Of course they resent it. But what annoys even more is the government's attitude towards it: the evasion of blame for prolonging the recession beyond its natural life by keeping the pound in the exchange-rate mechanism, the attempts to claim that recovery was under way before that policy was involuntarily reversed, and the rush to gain credit for a recovery caused by devaluation and low interest rates that went against all the previous tenets of the Chancellor and the prime minister. Most infuriating of all, these two men are still gaily in office — with no regrets.

Voters have not even been able to gain consolation from good government in other areas of policy. About Bosnia, ministers seem paralysed. On Maastricht, they are prepared to override the will of Parliament and determined not to test the will of the people. Necessary and radical reforms, such as the raising of the retirement age for women, are shelved because they might prove unpopular. The introduction of testing in schools has been so mismanaged that it has engendered a revolt almost on the scale of the poll tax. In yesterday's Gallup poll, respondents were asked to mark the government's performance on a scale of A to F, where F means fail. More voters gave it F than any other grade.

Should the opposition parties therefore be jubilant? The Liberal Democrats, with their 381 new seats and two new councils on top of Newbury's sensational result have good reason to be. Labour made fewer gains, but now controls 14 counties to the Conservatives' one, and won roughly 10 percentage points more votes.

John Smith was rash, however, to send such negative signals to those who hope for more co-operation between the two opposition parties. Even if electoral pacts are not sanctioned by the party leaders, they are happening on the ground. Only rarely on Thursday did they consist of one candidate actually stepping down in favour of another. But party campaigning is now far more targeted than in 1985, the last time elections were held in the shires. Voters are cannier in choosing the opposition candidate most likely to dislodge the Tory. As a result, the Conservatives won about the same share of the vote as in 1985 but lost 473 seats.

Party leaders often oppose electoral pacts on the grounds that it would be unfair and unworkable to impose them from the centre. These local elections showed, though, that the impetus for pacts is welling up from below. Mr Smith must swallow some pride if he is to sanction such local agreements. Inevitably, they will be more successful when Labour gives way to the Liberal Democrats than the other way round, since Labour voters are more likely to shift en masse to the Liberal Democrats. Centre party support would split almost evenly between the two main parties. But they need not be on a massive scale: just ten seats in which the opposition vote was not split at the last election would have deprived the Tories of their majority. Maybe Labour would, as Mr Smith claimed, have won a general election on its own on the basis of yesterday's results. But this is 1993, not 1996 or 1997.

The Conservatives should still be worried about the increasing sophistication of voters and local activists. For three general elections in a row, they have benefited from a divided opposition. This week has shown that, if disaffection is running high enough, voters will not let such divisions stand in their way. This disgust will not easily be shaken off. In Gallup's poll, 81 per cent of people said the government did not inspire confidence. The Major administration has now broken the record previously held by Harold Wilson since 1968 for the low esteem in which it is held. Whatever ministers think, economic recovery, or indeed the ratification of Maastricht, will not in themselves be enough to float the government off the rocks.

Yet a reshuffle for its own sake would not even be cosmetic. Most of the faces in the cabinet look tired. Cabinet ministers are concerned mainly to protect their own positions in the event of a change of leadership. Moreover, unlike in the 1980s, there are few talented ministers of state ready to replace them. Voters have shown that they want honesty. The prime minister went some way to meeting this desire yesterday when he admitted that people feel bruised and hurt. If he is to regain their trust — and that is a very big "if" today — he cannot go on running his government on the basis of the lie that he and his Chancellor were right all along about the economy.

It is hard to see how Norman Lamont can help as Chancellor now. He cannot credibly claim any credit for the recovery. A new man, Kenneth Clarke perhaps, could honestly admit past errors, apologise for them, and then throw himself into the task of ensuring that the economy returns to growth. This would include promising not to rejoin the ERM.

The Major-Lamont partnership has managed to inspire confidence neither in the country nor in the party. A Major-Clarke team might just be able to do so. Mr Clarke, unlike Mr Lamont, deals robustly with criticism, and has no compunction about reversing ill thought-out policies, as he has shown with the Criminal Justice Act. The current prime minister and Chancellor have dealt with public concern by denying its existence. The lesson from Thursday night is that it has to be addressed, directly.

RETIRING UNDEFEATED

Divorced wives should have a share of their husbands' pensions

A married woman, who may have spent much of her adult life assuming that her retirement was provided for, ought not to be abandoned to a pauperised old age by the departure of her husband. Thus, the ground-breaking ruling made by a High Court judge this week that a divorced man's pension scheme should be altered to make immediate provision for his former wife, is to be welcomed.

When a married man's job provides him with a pension, the security that it offers for his retirement is naturally extended to his wife. Her husband's contributions to a company pension scheme are presumed by both of them to be providing for their shared old age. But if and when a marriage ended — until this week — the income that was planned for their retirement together became the exclusive property of the man.

English law has not, before now, regarded pensions as being part of a divorcing couple's joint wealth. In dividing the worldly assets of a marriage when it ends, divorce courts have considered capital and property — but not pension funds — to be jointly owned. The logic of this may have been based on the fact that a pension is not a realisable asset at the time of divorce. By this reasoning, it constitutes not a part of the household's present wealth but of the husband's future earnings.

There was also the difficulty of quantifying the pension share of a wife who had not herself contributed to the scheme — or of a non-working wife. How much can a woman be said to have been responsible — by carrying out her duties in the home — for making her husband's working life (and consequent pension) possible? This kind of reckoning should not have been an insoluble problem. The contribution of a wife as homemaker to the overall financial position of the marriage is already taken into account when computing the family wealth for a divorce settlement.

Although she may never have earned at all or earned much less than her husband, a wife was still regarded as half-owner of all the assets that the couple possessed. Thus, the lack of any claim to a pension which her husband had earned during the course of their life together was clearly anomalous. Pension-splitting between divorced couples already happens under Scottish law. This should have made the case for its practicability unanswerable. The government had still, however, failed to act to change the English system. This individual court decision has now changed the law and with it, as one lawyer has been quoted as saying, "the face of divorce".

The ramifications of this precedent will now have to be explored. The new rule should presumably apply only to marriages of sufficiently long-standing for the wife to have had a legitimate expectation that her retirement was provided for. The wife's age and independent earning power may also need to be a consideration as they already are for the purpose of alimony payments. Complications may arise if the husband has remarried, when a present and former wife may both be eligible for a share of a man's pension. But the fundamental principle is consistent with sensible divorce reform.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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The targets and goals in Bosnia

From Major General R. S. N. Mans

Sir, Your editorial criticism ("A gift to the Serbs", April 29) of Field Marshal Vincent for enunciating the need for clear political direction before any military action is taken in Bosnia is unjustified.

Indeed, in the same issue, your defence correspondent sets out clearly the positive disadvantages of the options for air strikes. He might have added that any resulting casualties to civilians would no doubt be brought to us by TV commentators in the same vivid terms as the atrocities committed by all sides in Bosnia.

The US Chief of Air Staff's comment to a Senate committee that bombing could be undertaken with no significant risk (report, April 29) must be viewed with scepticism, for it accords with the long-established controversial philosophy of the USAF. Saturation bombing failed to defeat the enemy in Vietnam, and even in the Gulf, where optimum operational conditions pertained, civilian casualties occurred.

In recent times we have twice committed our armed forces to battle with clear political and military objectives: regaining the Falklands and expelling the invader from Kuwait. We should not now contemplate giving them the invidious and nebulous task of intervening in a civil war, however much we may abhor the conduct of those taking part. It is time that the military risks should be clearly stated by the chairman of the Nato military committee.

Yours sincerely,
ROWLEY MANS,
Ivy Bank Cottage, Vinegar Hill,
Milford-on-Sea, Hampshire.
May 2.

From Sir Philip Goodhart

Sir, The rejection of the latest peace proposals by the Bosnian Serbs underlines, once again, the ineffectiveness of ordinary economic sanctions. Not even the Bosnian Serbs, however, can operate for long without petrol and electricity.

The international community, operating through Nato and the United Nations, should now strike directly at the power stations and petrol supply points that the Bosnian Serbs depend upon — whether those power stations and supply points are in Bosnia or Serbia.

The attack should be carried out with air or sea-launched cruise missiles, which could be fired outside Bosnian or Serbian air space so that Allied forces would not be put directly at risk. The Bosnians could be warned which power stations and supply points would be hit, so that those working at the installations could be evacuated. If all went according to plan, no one need be killed.

Yours faithfully,
PHILIP GOODHART,
Carlton Club,
69 St James's Street, SW1.
May 6.

From Air Commodore M. J.-C. Burton (RAF retd)

Sir, There are many military issues in Bosnia which have to be taken into consideration before committing Nato forces, including logistic support of our forces, rules of engagement, command and control, the importance of minimising our own casualties and the need to limit the military action in both time and space. Hence there is an urgent need for politicians to identify the political goals and to approve concise military objectives and plans subsequently prepared by the commanders.

Furthermore, assuming that all the Serb forces do put down their arms, do you really believe that the Muslim and Croat forces will not subsequently seek revenge?

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL BURTON,
43 Pall Mall, St James's, SW1.
May 2.

Swinging Forties

From Mr John Mendes

Sir, With the birth of Virgin 1215 (report, April 29), I wonder how many readers recall a pop station that came long before Caroline and the 1960s pirates? At the end of the second world war in Europe the American military set up the American Forces Network (AFN Munich-Stuttgart) and every night there was a programme called *Midnight in Munich*, which opened with Charlie Barnet's "Skyliner".

Reception was indifferent in the UK but tens of thousands of teenagers sat up for something they had never heard before — a totally unstructured and free-wheeling programme, in which the disc jockey would play a record twice running if he particularly liked it, while visitors wandered in and out of the studio to drink his coffee and smoke his cigarettes and pass the time of night. Not even the pirates achieved that kind of spontaneity.

The music, of course, was big band swing, the pop of the period but seldom aired by the BBC, which was still at the stage of putting out what it sniffily called "dawnce music" and with a bored announcer reading from a script: "And now, by way of a complete contrast, the band will play a jolly little novelty number."

Yours faithfully,
JOHN MENDES,
1 Lower Street, Cavendish, Suffolk.

A future for St Ethelburga's and its value to the City

From the Chairman of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings



Sir, Before the IRA bomb went off on April 24, St Ethelburga's in Bishopsgate (letters, April 29, May 3) was an exceptionally attractive little medieval church, full of good fittings both old and new. Sadly, the one thing that it lacked was a congregation; the diocese of London was considering it for redundancy.

Whether or not St Ethelburga's is rebuilt as a facsimile or in a contemporary style is hardly relevant, because neither solution would provide the people to give a full and meaningful life to the new building as a church.

This society believes that the most positive outcome of the tragedy would be to develop the site as an open space for City workers, within which the remains of the medieval church could be left as a memorial to those who have lost their lives as a result of terrorist attacks the world over.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES BOUTWOOD,
Chairman,
The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings,
37 Spital Square, E1.
May 5.

From Prebendary Dr Chad Varah, Rector of St Stephen Walbrook

Sir, Some months ago the Bishop of London appointed a commission under Lord Templeman to enquire into the present state and future mission of the City churches. City rectors like myself, and guild church vicars, and our flocks, have had several opportunities to give evidence to it.

Lord Templeman's purpose is to see how the Church may best serve the spiritual needs of the City. Decisions about St Ethelburga's, a guild church, ought to be made after the bishop delivers his report later this year.

Instant pundits wishing instead to make a "gesture of defiance" to terrorists will, I am sure, not impress Lord Templeman or the bishop.

Yours faithfully,
CHAD VARAH,
The Lord Mayor's Parish Church of St Stephen Walbrook, EC4.
April 30.

From the Reverend F. H. Stevens

Sir, I feel compelled to question the judgment of those who are so governed by emotion and a false sense of tradition, and even spirituality, as to believe that the rebuilding and preservation of a redundant church — one of 39 churches in the City square mile — can even be contemplated within the context of true Christianity and a concern for the spreading and practice of the Gospel message.

I write as a member of a parish church which is attended every Sunday by 200-300 worshippers who are finding it difficult, in spite of valiant efforts, to pay the ever-increasing quota and to raise £150,000 for restoration work on the fabric of the church. There are hundreds of such churches in the country, in both towns and rural areas.

New churches need to be built in dockland areas and in new centres of population where no church exists at present. The Church badly needs money to build Christian hostels for the shelter of young people sleeping rough.

There are a dozen other needs to which funds could and should be allocated, if they were available, to implement the aims and ideals of the Church's decade of evangelism.

Yours faithfully,
FRANK STEVENS,
14 Eastgate Gardens,
Taunton, Somerset.
May 3.

From Mrs A. K. Spence

Sir, On April 27 one of your articles on the devastated church of St Ethelburga referred to the fact that in 1607 the great explorer Henry Hudson, charged with finding the north-west passage to Japan and China, took Holy Communion with his crew there, shortly before embarking on his first voyage. Three stained-glass windows by Leonard Walker, RI, were placed in the church in Hudson's memory in the late 1920s. They are now, alas, destroyed.

My mother, the artist D. Radcliffe Beresford, painted a picture of the first of these windows (illustrated, left) for the Hudson's Bay Company in 1928. Subsequently she painted two large panels for the company's headquarters. One showed Henry Hudson and his crew members taking Communion; the other depicted him with his son and seven other seamen in a small shallop amidst ice floes, set adrift "without food, drink, fire, clothing or other necessaries" (*Henry Hudson* by Llewellyn Powys, 1927) by his starving and mutinous crew.

This historical connection of the smallest of City churches — even in Jacobean times hemmed in by secular buildings — with the vast expanse of Hudson's Bay and northern Canada may be of interest not only in England but also on the other side of the Atlantic. It provides yet another reason for the full restoration of St Ethelburga's.

Yours faithfully,
AVERIL K. SPENCE,
Old Heath, Hillbrow Road,
Liss, Hampshire.
May 4.

From Ms C. R. M. Stevens

Sir, As a worshipper at the church of St Ethelburga for many years, and one of its churchwardens from 1976 to 1986, I am convinced that this tranquil oasis in the heart of the City should be rebuilt as a replica of the original, with as many of the original parts as can be identified and reassembled.

There should be no shame in including a modern copy where the former item cannot be salvaged. In Japan, for instance, there are many shrines and temples, often thought to be centuries old: the Ise shrine near Nagoya is rebuilt at regular intervals, and the Kinkakuji temple in Kyoto was rebuilt after destruction by fire. They are both exact copies.

Only thus will present and future generations be able to see for themselves this historic building as it had stood since before the Great Fire.

I remain, Sir, yours faithfully,
CHERRY STEVENS,
2 Higham Road,
Woodford Green, Essex.
May 3.

Appeal court judgment

From the Lord Chief Justice

Sir, You print today an account of a case in the Court of Appeal yesterday in which the Attorney General's application to have an unduly lenient sentence reviewed was granted and the sentence was increased. The headline read, "Lord Taylor ignores act to increase jail sentence". The report went on to say:

The Lord Chief Justice over-ruled the sentencing provisions of the Criminal Justice Act yesterday when he increased a jail term on a motor cyclist...

Those assertions were wholly wrong. The judgment of the court, as anyone who listened to it would readily have realised, explained how and why it was possible and appropriate for the court, within the terms of section 29 (2) of that act, to take into account the circumstances of previous offences because they showed an aggravating factor in the instant case.

I do not ignore acts of Parliament. To suggest the contrary is not only wrong but a gross libel. I am therefore glad that you have agreed to publish forthwith a retraction and apology as well as this letter.

It is true that I have made it clear I consider the 1991 act to be flawed in a number of respects. I support the broad philosophy which inspired it — that a custodial sentence should be imposed only where the seriousness of the offending merits it or the protection of the public demands it. But a number of provisions in the act place arbitrary and unworkable restrictions on the discretion of the judge to deal with each case on its merits.

I hope that these defects can be cured in the very near future. However, until they are, it is my duty and that of all the judges to apply the law as Parliament has enacted it. That duty we will fulfil.

Yours faithfully,
PETER TAYLOR,
Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, WC2.
May 7.

Royal Vermeer

From Mrs Eve King

Sir, Richard Cork (April 30) referred to George IV's "great prescience" in purchasing the Vermeer in the Royal Collection "at a time when he was forgotten".

On the contrary, the Vermeer was acquired by George III in 1762 as part of the collection of Consul Smith. No prescience was involved since the painting was then attributed to Frans van Mieris.

Yours etc,
EVE KING,
37 Pier Avenue, Southwold, Suffolk.

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In defence of Nadir

From Dr Peter Greenhalgh

Sir, There is a lot of self-righteous humbug in the universal condemnation of Asil Nadir (reports, May 5-7). "How are the mighty fallen!" is a particularly satisfying exclamation for second-raters who could never stand the sight of a self-made man, especially a "jumped-up foreigner", creating a business empire which was as far beyond their wildest dreams as their competence to emulate it.

It is true that profits were inflated by the policy of writing off exchange losses to the balance sheet rather than to the profit-and-loss account for the year, but there was no secret about this. It was perfectly clear from the published accounts, and if City analysts and highly paid fund managers chose to ignore it or failed to notice it, it may say more about their own greed or incompetence than Nadir's.

He seems to have been neither a fiddler of pension funds nor a cynical promoter of South Sea bubbles. He built some solid businesses, making good products and employing many thousands of people, often (though not solely) in poor countries, like Turkey and Northern Cyprus, which desperately needed industrial development.

Whatever wrong he may turn out to have done in trying to save his empire when he had over-extended it — and that has yet to be proved, despite so many months of apparent wavering by the Serious Fraud Office at, no doubt, fearful cost to the taxpayer and mental anguish to him — it would surely have to have been something very wicked indeed to counterbalance all the good he has done.

As a former merchant banker, I remember him as a man of great kindness and untrumpeted generosity to many good causes, as well as a great businessman who gave work and a decent life to countless thousands of ordinary people in many parts of the world.

Yours faithfully,
PETER GREENHALGH,
138 Humber Road,
Blackheath, SE3.
May 7.

From Miss Christine N. Reeves

Sir, In view of the hundreds of thousands of pounds Asil Nadir has saved the British taxpayer by fleeing before his trial, I suggest a small statue be erected in his honour.

I further suggest that this should be sited in the middle of an ornamental fountain. The waters of this fountain would symbolise tears, that will be shed by the lawyers over the loss of their fat fees.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTINE N. REEVES,
143 Lower Richmond Road, SW15.
May 7.

Toxic waste issue

From the Managing Director of Rechem International Ltd

Sir, It is no surprise that Greenpeace (letter, May 6) does not agree with Welsh secretary David Hunt's conclusions of reassurance from the Welsh Office study into PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls) and dioxins around the area of the Rechem International high-temperature incineration plant near Pontypool, South Wales.

This two-year study by an independent team from the University of East Anglia, and overseen by Professor Lewis Roberts, was one of the most intensive studies ever carried out in any areas focused on a single plant.

No levels were found of either environmental or health concern or, indeed, levels that were higher than those that were found around other industrial areas throughout the UK where no incinerators were sited.

I can show Greenpeace a recent scientific study revealing levels of PCBs in recycled paper products, including envelopes to be licked and sealed, at least ten times those found anywhere around the Rechem site.

Our role is to eradicate pollution, not to propagate it, and that we shall continue to do.

Yours faithfully,
M. C. E. AVERILL,
Managing Director,
Rechem International Ltd,
Astor House, Station Road,
Bourne End, Buckinghamshire.

Fond memories

From Mr Vivian Wales

Sir, So Mrs Craven's sister (letter, May 4) wishes to be remembered for the gravy she made. Although a keen advocate of recycling, I draw the line at being reduced to gravy — presumably before the remains are turned into bone meal.

Yours faithfully,
VIVIAN WALES,
Bay Trees, Green Street,
Brockworth, Gloucestershire.
May 4.

From Mr Philip Wake

Sir, I had always hoped that on the day I die people will say about me (as Marty said of Winterborne in Hardy's *Woodlanders*) that he "was a good man, and did good things!" — but I think I have left it too late and shall look down and listen in vain.

Yours sincerely,
PHILIP WAKE,
Whitestone Cleave, Lee,
Ilfracombe, Devon.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 7: Professor Sir Norman Blacklock was received by The Queen when Her Majesty conferred upon him the honour of Knighthood and invested him with the Insignia of a Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh arrived at Heathrow Airport, London, this afternoon from a State Visit to Hungary and were received at the Airport by the Earl of Airlie, Kt (Lord Chamberlain) and Mr Michael Roberts (Managing Director, Heathrow Airport).

The following were in attendance: the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs (the Rt Hon Douglas Hurd) and the Hon Mrs Douglas Hurd, the Lady Farnham, the Rt Hon Sir Robert Fellowes, Major General Sir Simon Cooper, Mr Robin Janvrin, Mr Charles Anson, Professor Sir Norman Blacklock, Major James Patrick, Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davis, Deputy Assistant Commissioner David Meynell and Mr John Sawers.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 7: The Prince Edward, Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, today gave a Luncheon at Buckingham Palace.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 7: The Princess Royal, President, Animal Health Trust, this morning opened the Waltham Centre for Pet Nutrition, Waltham-on-the-Wolds, Melton Mowbray, and was received by *Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant* for Leicestershire (Mr Timothy Brooks).

Her Royal Highness, President, British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, this afternoon visited Nylon Hosiery Company Limited, 46 Upper Bond Street, Hinckley.

Mrs William Nunneley was in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 7: The Prince of Wales was represented by Lieutenant Colonel Sir John Miller at the Funeral of Major Charles Humfrey which was held in St Andrew's Church, Ouston, Leicestershire, today.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 7: The Princess of Wales, Patron, British Red Cross Youth, this morning attended the launch of the International Red Cross World Disaster Report, British Red Cross National Headquarters, 9 Grosvenor Crescent, London SW1.

Mr Patrick Jephson was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 7: The Duke of Kent, Patron, the London Philharmonic, today received Mr Elliott Bernerd, Chairman.

The Duchess of Kent this morning opened the Ronald MacDonald House at the Alder Hey Children's Hospital, Eton Road, Liverpool and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Merseyside (Mr Henry Cotton).

Her Royal Highness this afternoon visited the League of Welldoers, Limekiln Lane, Liverpool and later visited the Hillsborough Heart Ward, Aintree Hospitals NHS Trust, Rice Lane, Liverpool, Merseyside.

Mrs Colin Marsh was in attendance.

Anniversaries

Today
BIRTHS: Francis Quarles, poet, Romford, Essex, 1592; Alain René Le Sage, novelist, Sarzeau, Brittany, 1668; Giovanni Paisiello, composer, Taranto, Italy, 1741; William Jay, dissenting minister, Tisbury, Wiltshire, 1769; Thomas Hancock, pioneer of the rubber industry, Marlborough, Wiltshire, 1786; Jean Henri Dunant, founder of the International Red Cross, Geneva, 1828; Nevil Sidgwick, chemist, Oxford, 1873; Harry S. Truman, 33rd American President 1945-53, Lamar, Missouri, 1884; Sidney James, actor, Johannesburg, 1914.

DEATHS: Antoine Lavoisier, chemist, executed, Paris, 1794; John Stuart Mill, philosopher, Avignon, 1873; Gustave Flaubert, novelist, Croisset, France, 1880; Paul Gauguin, painter, Atuana, Marquesas Islands, 1903; Eadweard Muybridge, photographer and pioneer of the study of animal locomotion, Kingston-upon-Thames, 1904; Oswald Spengler, philosopher, Munich, 1936; Harry Gordon Selfridge, founder of the London store, London, 1947; Emmanuel Shinwell, Baron Shinwell, statesman, London, 1986.

Restoration of the British monarchy, 1660.

VE (Victory in Europe) Day, 1945.

Tomorrow
BIRTHS: George Papworth, architect, 1781; John Brown, militant Abolitionist, Torrington, Connecticut, 1800; Adolf Schreyer, animal painter, Frankfurt-am-Main, 1828; Sir James Barrie, dramatist and novelist, Kirriemuir, 1860; Lilian Baylis, founder of the Old Vic and Sadler's Wells, London, 1874; Zita, former empress of Austria, Viareggio, 1892; Howard Carter, archaeologist, discoverer of the tomb of Tutankhamun, 1922, Swaffham, Norfolk, 1874; José Ortega y Gasset, philosopher, Madrid, 1883; Barbara Woodhouse, animal trainer, Dublin, 1910.

DEATHS: William Bradford, Pilgrim Father, Plymouth, Massachusetts, 1657; Nicolaus Zinzendorf, leader of the Moravian Church, Herrnhut, Germany, 1760; Johann Christoph Friedrich von Schiller, dramatist and poet, Weimar, Germany, 1805; Joseph Gay-Lussac, chemist, Paris, 1850; Aldo Moro, five times Prime Minister of Italy, assassinated, Rome, 1978; Tenzing Norgay, Himalayan climber, Darjeeling, 1986.

Ethiopia annexed by Italy, 1936.

The Channel Islands were liberated from German occupation, 1945.

Royal engagements

TODAY: Prince Edward, as Chairman of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, will visit the "Challenge '93" to be held at Normanby Hall, Scunthorpe, Humberside at 2.30; and, as Patron of the London Mozart Players, will attend a concert at the Fairfield Halls, Croydon, at 7.50.

The Princess Royal, as Patron of the Royal Lymington Yacht Club, will open the club's new waterfront at Bath Road at 1.00.

TOMORROW: Prince Edward, as Chairman of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, will attend the *Wine Magazine* and National Wine Week festival at Chelsea Harbour at 1.50.

The Princess Royal, as Colonel-in-Chief of The King's Royal Hussars, will review The Combined Cavalry "Old Comrades" parade in Hyde Park at 11.05 and lay a wreath at the Cavalry memorial; and will attend the first regimental association luncheon at the Inter-Continental Hotel at 12.20.

The Duchess of Kent, as patron, will attend a concert at Hull University at 7.00 in aid of the Jacqueline du Pré Memorial Fund.

Service luncheons

HMS Victory
Admiral Sir John Kerr, Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command, and Lady Kerr were hosts yesterday at a luncheon held onboard the flagship HMS Victory in Portsmouth to mark the commissioning of HMS Bristol as a sea cadet training ship. Admiral Sir Ian Hogg, the ship's sponsor, and Lady Hogg, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Bristol and Vice-Admiral Sir James Weatherall, Chairman of the Sea Cadet Corps, were present.

4th British Division (1939-1945) Club
General Sir Geoffrey Musson presided at the annual reunion luncheon of the 4th British Division (1939-1945) Club held at the New Connaught Rooms.

School news

St Paul's Girls' School
St Paul's Girls' School announces the following awards:
First Year Awards: Francesca Farrell, St Peter's Church of England Primary School; Ruth Owen, Bute House Preparatory School.
Senior Art Award: Amy Anderson, Maria Viotides, St Paul's Girls' School.
Senior Music Scholarships: Nicola Hunt, Sarah Temple, St Paul's Girls' School.
First Year Music Award: Narelle McDwyer, St Christina's School.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr B. Adlam and Miss L.A. Hirsch
The engagement is announced between Boris, younger son of Mr G.L. Adlam, of Bridel, Luxembourg, and Mrs H.A.C. Adlam, of Pimlico, London, and Lindsay, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs B.L. Hirsch, of Bel-Air, Los Angeles.

Mr M.H. Coombe-Tennant and Miss G. Woods
The engagement is announced between Mark, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Alexander Coombe-Tennant, of Chiddingfold, Surrey, and Georgina, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Desmond Woods, of West Beach, Adelaide, South Australia.

The Rev C.M. Green and Miss S.J. White
The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Green, of Verwood, Dorset, and Sharon, daughter of the late Mr Kenneth White and of Mrs Barbara Marsden, of Cheadle, Cheshire.

Mr M.R. Hill and Miss P.D. Ovenden
The engagement is announced between Mark, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Desmond Hill, of Okato, New Zealand, and Patricia, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Ovenden, of Warlingham, Surrey.

Mr M.R. Lloyd-Price and Mlle R.M.R. Labrie
The engagement is announced between Michael Rhodri, only son of Mr and Mrs David Lloyd-Price, of Kensington, London, and Roxanne Marie Rose, daughter of M Léo Labrie and Mme Annette Labrie-Ender, of Ottawa, Canada.

Dr J.R. Merson and Miss A.L. Hudson
The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs R. Merson, of Mongewell Park Farm, Wallingford, Oxfordshire, and Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs S.T. Hudson, of Manor House, Patrick Brompton, Bedale, North Yorkshire.

Mr D.H. Usill and Miss J.P. Stewart
The engagement is announced between David Harley, eldest son of the late Mr and Mrs Harley Usill, of London, and Judith Patricia, eldest daughter of Sir Alastair and Lady Stewart, of Little Baddow, Essex.

Marriages

Mr G.P.T. Edwards and Miss U.C. Browne
The marriage took place yesterday at the Church of St Mary The Boltons, of Mr Giles Edwards, only son of Mr and Mrs Peter Edwards, of Low Walworth Hall, near Darlington, Co Durham, to Miss Ulicia Browne, only daughter of the late Lord Ulick Browne and of Lady Ulick Brown, the The Little Bolton, London SW10. The Rev Stephen Bartlett officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Mr Sebastian U. Browne, was attended by Emily Monckton, Camilla Browne, Christopher Browne, Pippa Chalk, Freddie Chalk and Miss Mary Reynolds. Mr Piers A.C. Monckton was best man.

A reception was held at the Park Lane Hotel and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr C.M. Russam and Mrs S.M. Whalley
The marriage took place on Tuesday, April 6, at Ben Rhydding Methodist Church, Ilkley, West Yorkshire, of Mr Charles Michael Russam to Mrs Susan Mary Whalley. The Rev Paul Glass officiated.

Mr S.K.K. Welsh and Mrs M.J. Fellowes
The marriage took place on Friday, May 7, at The Russian Orthodox Church in London, of Sean, eldest son of Mr Thomas Welsh, of Putney, and Mrs Colin Graham, of Chelsea, to Martha, only daughter of Mr and Mrs William Jovanovich, of San Diego, California, and Murray Bay, Quebec.

Memorial services

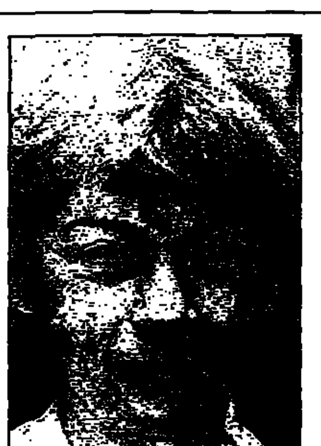
Mr F.O.A.G. Bennett
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr F.O.A.G. (Alex) Bennett was held yesterday in Canterbury Cathedral. The Rev Nicholas Stacey and the Rev Jonathan Russell officiated. Mr James Bennett, son, and Mr Andrew Hone, grandson, read the lessons. Mr Sam Whitbread gave an address.

Mr Richard Imison
A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr Richard Imison was held yesterday at St James's, Piccadilly. The Rev Ernest Rea, Head of Religious Broadcasting, BBC, officiated, assisted by Prebendary Norman McCurry and the Rev David Paget. Miss Natasha Imison, daughter, and Mr Ronald Mason read the lessons.

Mr Michael Imison, brother, read *Richard and Cicero* including an extract from Cicero's *De Oficils*, in Latin. Mr George Baker read from the works of Shakespeare, Mr John Theocharis read from the works of Aeschylus in Greek, Miss Jill Balcon read from the works of Walter De La Mare, Mr Aubrey Woods read his own adaptation from E.F. Benson's *Mapp and Lucia*, Mr Ian Blake read from the works of Mortimer Wheeler, Miss Penelope Lee read from the works of Gerard Manley Hopkins, Mr David Spenser from the works of John Galsworthy and Mr Sam Dastor and Miss Emily Richard from the works of Mr Tom Stoppard. Mr John Tydeman, Head of Drama (BBC Radio) read an appreciation from Mr David Hatch and Mr Tom Stoppard and Ms Gillian Reynolds, Radio Critic, *The Daily Telegraph*, gave addresses.

Memorial Mass

Mr Cyril Conway
A memorial mass for Mr Cyril Conway (Kooy-Lister) was concelebrated yesterday at the Actors' Church, Corpus Christi, Covent Garden. Father John Hartley was the principal celebrant, assisted by Father John McDonald and Father Columba Ryan, OP, National Chaplain of the Catholic Stage Guild. Mr Michael Williams and Miss Patricia Hayes read the lessons. Mr Charles Pemberton read *Prayer for an Actor* by Denys Blakelock and Mr Robin Marchal gave an address.




Geraldine McEwan is 61 *tomorrow*, Glenda Jackson is 57

Birthdays

Today
Sir David Attenborough, naturalist, 67; Sir James Blyth, chief executive, Boots Company, 53; Sir Philip Carter, former chairman, Merseyside Development Corporation, 66; Mr Jack Charlton, football manager, 58; Professor Maurice Cranston, political scientist, 73; Dr Sir Anthony Dawson, Physician to the Queen, 65; Sir Ian Denholm, former president, General Council of British Shipping, 66; Viscount Falkland, 58; Miss Heather Harper, soprano, 63; Lord Justice Hoffman, 59; Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle, 68; Sir Brian Kellett, former chairman, Port of London Authority, 71; Mr Roger Kendrick, former governor, Dartmoor Prison, 59; Mr Norman Lamont, MP, 51; the Right Rev Graham Leonard, former Bishop of London, 72; Miss Felicity Lott, soprano, 46; Lord Murton of Lindisfarne, 79; Admiral Sir Neville Purvis, 57; Mr Alastair Service, former general secretary, Family Planning Association, 60; Air Marshal Sir Michael Simmons, 56; Mr John Snagge, broadcaster, 89; Mr David Sole, rugby player, 31; Mr Nicholas Vigors, racehorse trainer, 46.

Tomorrow
Mr Richard Adams, author, 73; Mr Alan Bennett, dramatist, 59; the Right Rev C.W.J. Bowles, former Bishop of Derby, 77; Dr John Cook, director, Inner Cities Young People's Project, 53; Sir Robin Cooke, president, Court of Appeal of New Zealand, 67; Mr Terry Downes, boxer, 57; Mr Albert Finney, actor, 57; Mr Carlo Maria Giulini, conductor, 79; Mr Pancho Gonzales, tennis player, 65; Dr Douglas Guest, organist emeritus, Westminster Abbey, 77; Vice-Admiral Sir John Hayes, former Lord Lieutenant of Ross and Cromarty, Skye and Lochalch, 80; Sir Geoffrey Holland, civil servant, 55; Mr Richard Houghton, racehorse trainer, 43; Mr Billy Joel, singer, 44; Sir Francis Kennedy, diplomat, 67; General Sir Peter Leng, 68; Lord Justice Lloyd, 64; Mr Gavin Lyall, author, 61; Lord Justice MacDermott, 66; Dr Alistair MacFarlane, principal and vice-chancellor, Heriot-Watt University, 62; Mr Brian McMaster, director, Edinburgh Festival, 50; Sir Philip Mansfield, diplomat, 67; Sir David Plastow, chairman, Inchcape, 61; Dr Bernard Rose, organist, 77.

University news

Oxford
University Prizes
Prizes in Law Moderations
Maxwell Prize for the best overall performance:
I-Ping Soong, Exeter College.
Slaughter & May Prizes for the best performance in individual subjects:
Roman Law: Jacqueline Ann Irvine, Corpus Christi College
Criminal Law: Nathan Evans, Hertford College
Constitutional Law: Carolyn Hui-Lian Sng, Exeter College
Andrew Colin Prize 1993
The above prize, for performance in Russian, has been awarded to: Sofi S H Cook, University College
Mrs Claude Beddington Modern Languages Prize (German) 1993: Matthew B Cotton, Wadham College
Cyril Jones Memorial Prize in Spanish 1993: Michelle A Clayton, Trinity College

Essex
Research Grants totalling £1,273,295 were received by the university between December 1992 and February 1993. They include:
European Community - £209,214 over five years *(Engineering Stress Tolerance in Maize)* Professor N R Baker, Department of Biology.
Medical Research Council - £152,259 over three years *(Molecular Analysis of Receptor Specificity in Coxsackievirus A9)* Dr G Stanway, Department of Biology
European Community - £138,000 over two years *(Development of Polarisation Diversity and Doppler Radar Data Analysis for Qualitative and Quantitative Precipitation Monitoring in Severe Weather)* Professor A R Holt, Department of Mathematics
Economic and Social Research Council - £101,940 over two years (Historical Data Unit) Professor D Llevesley, Mrs B Winstanley, Ms S Anderson, Data Archive
Medical Research Council - £93,210 over 6 months *(The Seroprevalence of HIV-1 and Other Infections and Safer Sex Strategies in a Cohort of Homosexual males)* Dr P M Davies, Professor A P Coxon, Dr T J McManus, Department of Sociology.

Dinners

Ski Club of Great Britain
Lord Congleton, President of the Ski Club of Great Britain, was host last night at a dinner held at the Café Royal to mark the club's 90th anniversary. Among those present were:
The Swiss Ambassador and Mme Mubelm, the Norwegian Ambassador and Mrs Eliassen, the Earl and Countess of Limerick, Sir Peter and Lady Seligman, Mr Peter Lunn and Mr Trevor Newland (chairman) and Mrs Newland.

Kent County Constabulary
Mr J.D. Phillips, BA (Econ), Chief Constable of Kent, received the guests at the annual ladies night dinner of the Kent County Constabulary held last night at Police Headquarters, Maidstone. Sir John Grugeon, Chairman of Kent Police Authority, and Mrs Grugeon were the principal guests.

British-American-Canadian Associates
British-American-Canadian Associates gave a dinner last night at Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine, South Kensington, in honour of Professor Christopher Pollitt, Head of the Department of Government at Brunel University. Mrs Alicia Street, Vice Chairman, presided.

Service dinners

Old Naval Academy Portsmouth
Rear-Admiral and Mrs Robin Shiffner were the guests of honour at a ladies night dinner held last night in the Old Naval Academy Portsmouth. Commander J.G. Malec presided. Admiral Sir John Kerr, Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command, and Lady Kerr attended.

The Queen's Own Hussars
Brigadier J.W.F. Rucker, Colonel of The Queen's Own Hussars, presided at the final annual regimental dinner held last night at the Savoy Hotel.

The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire
Major-General A.B. Crowfoot, Colonel of The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire, presided at a regimental dinner held last night at the Army and Navy Club.

The Middlesex Regiment(DCO)
The annual dinner of the Middlesex Regiment (DCO) Officers' Club was held last night at the Naval and Military Club. Brigadier B.A.M. Pielow presided and 74 members, wives and guests attended.

Headquarters No 1 Group
Headquarters No 1 Group held a final guest night dinner last night at RAF Upavon. Wing Commander Michael Bullock presided and Air Vice-Marshal Peter Squire, Air Officer Commanding, also spoke. Air Chief Marshal Sir Kenneth Cross was among the guests.

RAF Dental branch
Group Captain R.J. Lane presided at the annual dinner of the RAF Dental branch held last night at RAF Halton. Air Vice-Marshal J. Mackey, Director of Dental Services (RAF) also spoke.

Service reunion

Eaton Hall OCS
After a Service of Thanksgiving and Dedication, the Duke of Westminster yesterday unveiled a plaque in the Chapel at Eaton, followed by a Reception and Luncheon. Major General Sir Philip Ward presided at the 6th Reunion Dinner. Sir William Purves also spoke.

Church news

Appointments
The Rev George Butterworth, Curate, Mayfield: now Curate, Hastings, St Clement and All Saints (Chichester).
The Rev Anthony Cane, Curate, Kings Heath (Birmingham): to be Chaplain, Brighton University (Chichester).
The Rev Len Crowe, permission to officiate, Lewes Episcopal area: now General Licence and Rural Dean of Rye (Chichester).
The Rev John Dickinson, Curate, St Wilfrid and St Luke, Harrogate, w special responsibility for St Luke, and also Diocesan World Mission Officer (Ripon): to be Vicar, Beeston, remaining Diocesan World Mission Officer.
The Rev William Elliott, Rector, Usworth Team Ministry: to be Priest-in-charge, Belmont (Durham).
The Rev Anthony Fensome, Vicar, Lyddington w Wanborough: to be Vicar, St Peter, Chippenham (Bristol).
The Rev John Flory, Team Rector, The Lydiards Team Ministry: to be Vicar, Box w Hazelbury and Ditteridge (Bristol).
The Rev Frank Fox-Wilson, Vicar, Goring-by-Sea: to be Rector, Alfriston w Lullington, Litlington and West Dean (Chichester).
The Rev Richard Grosse, Curate, Bedale and Curate-in-charge, Thornton Watlass: to be Vicar, Barton and Manfield w Cleasby (Ripon).
The Rev Brian Hall, Vicar, The Old Church, Smethwick: to be Vicar, St Mary, Handsworth (Birmingham).
The Rev Nigel Hawley, Rector, St John, Moston: to be Rector, St Elisabeth, Reddish (Manchester).
The Rev Peter Hirst, permission to officiate in the Bradford diocese: to be Curate, St Michael, Headingley, and Chaplain in Leeds Industrial Mission (Ripon).
The Rev Anne Jenkins, Curate, Beeston, w special responsibility for Cottingley: to be Community Minister, Gipton (Ripon).
The Rev Jack Lusted, Curate, Moulsecoomb: to be Curate, Southwick (Chichester).
The Rev John Morris, Vicar, Rudgwick: now *also* Rural Dean of Horsham (Chichester).
The Rev David Paton-Williams, Vicar, Team Ministry of Newton Aycliffe w special responsibility for St Elizabeth of Hungary, Woodham (Durham): to be Chaplain to the Ripon campus of the University College of Ripon and York St John, and Minor Canon of Ripon Cathedral (Ripon).
The Rev Lindsey Pearson, Curate, St Peter's, Harrogate: to be Parish Deacon, Moor Allerton Team Ministry (Ripon).
The Rev David Perrett, Vicar, Ollerton w Boughton (Southwell): to be Vicar, Winklebury.

Church services tomorrow

Fourth Sunday after Easter
CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 M, Fr G Moore; 11 Sung Euch, Vaughan Williams in G minor, Regina coeli (Morales), Ven G H Cassidy, Archdeacon of London; 3.15 E E, Responses (Reading), Chichester Service (Walton), I love the Lord (Harvey); 6.30 Sermon & Compline, The Archdeacon.
CARLISLE CATHEDRAL: 10.30 Sung Euch, Prelude in G (Stanford), Stanford in B flat and F, Author of life divine (Aston), Postlude in D minor (Stanford), The Dean; 3 E, Responses (Rose), Ireland in F, Most glorious Lord of Lyfe (Armstrong Gibbs), Paean (Leighton); 6.30 NP, The Dean.
CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 Parich C, The Provost; 11.15 M, Responses (Ayleward), Collegium Regale (Howells), Gaudent in coelis (Vittoria), Rev Jacqui Jones; 4 Baptism; 6 Choral E, Responses (Ayleward), Canticles (Noble in A minor) Tu es Petrus (Byrd), The Vice Provost.
CHESTER CATHEDRAL: 7.45 Litany; 8 HC; 10 Choral M, Te deum (George Dyson in F), Benedictus, The Dean; 11.30 Choral Euch, Franz Schubert in G, Amen (Naylor); 3.30 Choral E, Responses (Reading), John Blow in F, Jubilate Deo in chordis (Heinrich Schutz) Con moto maestoso (Mendelssohn); 6.30 E, Canon Michael Rees.
COVENTRY CATHEDRAL: 7.40 MP, Gethsamane Chapel; 8 C, Lady Chapel, 10.30 Euch, Stoneleigh Service (Leddington Wright), Oculi omnium (Wood), The Spirit of the Lord (Elgar), Rev Martin Wright; 3 German Lutherans; 5.30 E, He is the way (Ridout), Responses (Byrd), Sumsion in G, Zadok the Priest (Handel).
DURHAM CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.15 M, The Short Service (Gibbons), Christ ist erstanden! (Schubert), Canon Coppin; 11.30 HC, Missa Brevis (Berkeley), Jesu, the very thought of thee (Bairstow), Canon Perry; 3.30 E (attended by Mayor and City Council), Jackson in G minor, If we believe that Jesus died (Goss), Organ: Sonata No.1 (Guilmant), Rev Canon J R Stringer.
ELY CATHEDRAL: 8.15 HC; 10.30 Sung Euch, Schubert in G, O death where is thy sting (Handel), Organ: Toccata in D (Buxtehude), The Archdean of Ely; 3.45 E, Preces (Rose), Jesus College Service (Mathias), Rejoice in the Lamb (Britten), Organ: Résurrection (Dupré).
LINCOLN CATHEDRAL: 7.45 Litany; 8 HC; 9.30 Sung Euch, Jackson in G & Duruflé (Requiem: Op.9), Listen, sweet dove (Ives), The Dean; 11.15 M, Responses (Reading), Boyce in C, Awake us, Lord, and hasten (Bach); 12.30 HC; 3.45 E, Watson in E, Rise heart, thy Lord is risen (Vaughan Williams), Canon J Hanson.
LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M & Litany; 8 Holy Euch, Rev S P Kirk; 9 Parish Euch, Rev S P Kirk; 11 Sung Euch, Missa Brevis (Preston), Creed (Merbecke), Praise our Lord, all ye gentiles (Byrd), Ven R H Roberts; 12.15 Holy Euch (Lady Chapel); 3.30 Choral E, Canticles (Howells in G), Hear my words, ye people (Parry); 6.30 Parish E & Sermon, Rev Boon Hor Khoo.
MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8.45 MP; 9 HC; 10.30 Sung Euch, Mass for 5 voices (Byrd), Agnus Dei (Byrd), The Archdeacon; 3 Brigade Service; 6.30 E, Short Service (Ayleward), Blessed be the God and Father (Wesley), Rev Vincent Markland.
SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 Euch; 11 Choral Euch, Missa Brevis in D (Mozart), Beati quorum via (Stanford), Ave verum corpus (Mozart), Canon David Atkinson; 3 E, Collegium Regale (Howells), My beloved spake (Purcell), Canon David Painter.
TRURO CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9 M, The Dean; 10 Sung Euch, Let thy merciful ears (Mudd), Darke in E, Jesu grant me this I pray (Whitlock), *Organ: Sonata No.2* (Mendelssohn), Mr Peter Price; 2.30 Service for the Police Special Constabulary, Rev Gerald Burt; 6 E, Responses (Byrd), *St Paul's Service* (Howells), Drop, drop, slow tears (Walton), Organ: Paean (Howells), Canon Peter Tidmarsh.
WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 10 M, Rev Dr Donald Gray; *11 M* (St Margaret's Church), Rev Paul Ferguson; 11.15 Abbey Euch, Rev Dr Donald Gray; 3 E, Rev Dr Martin Israel; 5.45 Organ recital; 6.30 Meditation and music in style of Taizé, Rev Philip Chester.
ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL, Clwyd: 11 Choral M, Responses (Byrd), Jubilate (Stanford in B flat), Te Deum (Sumsion in G), My beloved spake (Hadley), Organ: Processional (Sumsion).
ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 11.30 HM, Rev James Pannett, O quam Gloriosam (Victoria), Achieved is the glorious work (Haydn); 4 M, Bishop John Jukes.
ST GILES' CATHEDRAL, Edinburgh: 8 HC, The Minister; 10 HC, Dvorak in D, The Minister; *11.30 RAF 75th Anniversary Service*, Laudibus in sanctis (Byrd), Rt Rev Hugh Wyllie; St Giles' at Six, Community Orchestra of Lasswade High School; 8 ES, The Minister.
ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 M, Responses (Hendrie), Te Deum (Harris in A flat), The St Paul's Service (Cabena), Rev Michael Saward; 11.30 HC, Missa Regina coeli (De Kerill), Surrexit pastor bonus (Palestrina); 3.15 E, Madden in D, Angelus autem Domini (Anerio), Organ: Toccata Goicosa (Mathias), Rt Rev Graham Dow, Bishop of Willesden.
ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, Dundee: 8 HC; 9.40 Sung Communion; 11 Choral Euch, Collegium Regale (Howells), Here O my Lord (Whitlock), The Provost; 6.30 Choral E, Stanford in G, The Lord is my shepherd (Berkeley), The Bishop.
ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8 & 5.15 *LM*; *11 HM, Missa Papae Marcelli* (Palestrina), Tu es Petrus (Palestrina), Rev C L Geake; 6 E & B, Second Service (Leighton), Sing ye to the Lord (Bairstow), Rev P McGeary.
ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 11, Canon Gordon Bridger; 6.30, Rev Richard Bewes.
AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, Tottenham Court Rd, W1: 9.45 Sunday School; 11 Worship, Rev J Schmidt.
THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 11 Missa O magnum mysterium (Victoria), Alma redemptoris mater (Palestrina), Domine fac mecum (Morley).
CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, SW3: 8 HC; 10 Children's Service; 11 M, Organ: Concerto in C (Bach), Dr John Oakley; 12 HC; 6 E, Prelude and fugue in E flat, Rev P Elvy.
FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15, Fr Michael O'Brien, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM, Cantate Domino (Hassler), Missa Dolorum (Haydn), Tota pulchra es Maria (Lambert), Cibavit eos (Byrd).
HOLY TRINITY BROMPTON, Brompton Road, SW7: 9 HC: Rev Tom Gillum; 11 Informal Service (Creche and Children's Church), Rev Sandy Millar; 6.30 Informal Service, Rev Richard Hare.
THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Mass, Mass in B flat (Schubert), Cantate Domino (Monteverdi), 12.30, 4.30, 7; 3.30 V & B, Regina Caeli (Aichinger).
ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF THE DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD AND ALL SAINTS, Ennismore Gardens, SW7: 10.30 Divine Liturgy, Choral Music of the Kievan and Znamenny traditions, sung in Church Slavonic.
WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC1: *WORLD FAMILY DAY 9.45 HC; 11 MS*, Rev Paul Hulme, Mr Paul Boateng, MP.
WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 11, Rev John Tudor; 6.30 London College of Music Chorale (Mendelssohn, Parry and Elgar).
ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 11 Choral HC, a presentation of The Miracle of the Resurrection; 7 Music & Words, Aria Man nehme sich in acht (Bach), Miracles and Parables presentation by Paul Alexander.
ST CLEMENT DANES: 11 MP, Te Deum (Stanford in B flat), The Lord is my Shepherd (Schubert).
ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11 & 6.30 Rev W Alexander Cairns.
ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 Sung Euch, Stanford in B flat, Ich lasse dich nicht (Bach), Rev G D Watkins.
ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 10.30 MP & HC, Missa O Quam gloriosum (Victoria), Rejoice in the Lord (Redford), Organ: Prelude & Fugue in B minor (Bach), Rev Annabel Shilson Thomas.
ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 HC (1662); *9.45* Euch, St Martin's Service (Stringer), Though I speak with the tongues of men (Bairstow), Jesu, the very thought of Thee (Bairstow), Organ: Radetsky March (Strauss), Rev Martin Henwood; 11.30 Visitors to London Service, Responses (Marsh), Greater love hath no man (Ireland), Organ: Sonata VI (Bach), The Vicar; 2.45 Chinese Service, Rev Gilbert Lee; 5 Choral E, Responses (Howells), Collegium Regale (Howells), *O Lorde, the maker of al thinge* (Joubert), Organ: Paean (Howells); 6.30 ES, Sonata II (Bach), Rev John Pridmore.
ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9, 9.45, 7.30 LM; 11 HM, Missa aeterna Christi munera (Palestrina), Fr Bill Scott, 6 Solemn E, Procession of Our Lady and Benediction, Second Service (Byrd), Fr Kevin Moule.
ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Missa Petre Ego (Lobo), Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous (Humfrey), The Rector; 6.30 EP.
ST MICHAEL'S, Cornhill, EC3: 11 Choral M, It is a thing most wonderful (Ireland), Responses (Rose), Te Deum & Jubilate (Boyce in A), Light out of darkness (Elgar).
ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 10 Family Euch; 11 Solemn Euch, Missa brevis in B flat (Mozart), Rev Fr D B Tillyer.
ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8, 9 LM; 11 SM, Messe Basse (Faure), O mysterium ineffabile (Lallouette) Ave Verum (Fauré), Fr Christopher Colven; 6 EP & B.
CHAPEL ROYAL, St. James's Palace: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP, Set me as a seal (Walton), Ven D N Griffiths.
CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 8.30 HC; 11 M, Sumsion in G, Great Lord of Lords (Gibbons); 3.30 E, Praise the Lord (Blow), Stanford in B flat, O thou the central orb (Wood).
GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street, W1: 11 Sung Euch, Missa Brevis (Kelley), My Beloved Spake (Hadley), Saraband (Howells).
QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 11 M, Te Deum (Stanford in C), *O for the wings of a dove (Mendelssohn)*, The Chaplain. NO HOLY COMMUNION.
ST PETER AD VINCULA, HM Tower of London: 9.15 HC; 11 M & Sermon, Responses (Ayleward), Te Deum (Ireland in F), Jubilate, Maria Magdalene (Guerrero).
THE TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP, Responses (William Smith), Te deum laudamus (William Mathias), Jubilate deo (Walton), In exitu Israel (Wesley), Sonata No 3 (Rheinberger), The Master.
GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11 M, O nata lux de lumine (Tallis), Benedictus, Never weather beaten sail (Parry), Organ: Allegro Deciso from the Water Music (Handel), Rev J Llewellyn (Band of The Welsh Guards); 12 HC.
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BIRTHS

BIRCH REYNARDSON - On 6th May 1993, to Imogen Mary and Thomas, a son.
BIRKBECK - On May 4th 1993, to Bridget and William, a son.
BURN - On May 7th at The Portland Hospital, to Gabrielle (née Kane) and Ian, a daughter, Louise, a sister for James.
de KLEE - On 29th April, to Caroline and her husband, a son, George Frederick, a brother for Elizabeth, Katherine, Bertie and Patrick.
FRANCIS - On 3rd April 1993 to Lesley and Mark, a son, Hugo Alexander Cameron.
JULIUS - On April 30th at The Portland Hospital, to Jacky (née Domb) and Tony, a son, Freddie Daniel, a brother for Benjamin.
LATCHMORE - On April 27th 1993, to Clarissa (née Orde) and Andrew, a son, Max Andrew, a brother for Lucy, Jolyon and Chloe.
MORTON - On May 2nd, to Lucy (née Wettern) and James, a son, Peter Lyall.
MURAMOTO - On May 4th at the Wellington Hospital, to Reiko and Atsushi, a son, Masaki.
SCHOLES - On May 5th, at Stockport, to Sharon and David, a son, Liam Brice, a brother for Rebecca. Thanks to all at Stepping Hill Hospital.
SMITH - On May 6th in Cambridge, to Madeline (née Hickey) and Kevin, a son, Patrick Charles Hickey, a brother for Iain.
STEWART - On 30th April 1993 to Wendy and Andrew, a son, Nicholas James.
SWAYNE - On May 6th 1993 at The Portland Hospital, to Janiece (née Berg) and Julian, a daughter, Lucinda, a sister for Alexander and cousin for Orli.
TAYLOR - On 1st May, to Janet and William, a daughter, Emily Harriet.
THOMPSON - On 2nd May 1993, to Andy and Cynthia, a son, Nathan Elan Balogh, a brother for Daniel and Christian.
VESTEY - On May 5th, to Rachel and George, a son (Thomas Hector Moubray), a brother for Ruby.
WEBBER - On May 3rd, to Elizabeth (née Barroll) and Paul, a daughter, Jessica Mary Ann, a sister for Flora.

MARRIAGES

TOLCHER:NORRIS - The marriage took place on May 1st 1993 at Princethorpe between Mr E.J.K. Tolcher and Miss A.M. Norris.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

WARWICK:ELLINGHAM - J.F. & D.R. Golden Wedding Anniversary, congratulations from Jane and David, Diana and Jacques and families.

DEATHS

BIRD - Paul, peacefully in hospital on 5th May, much loved brother of Peter and father of Sophia, Dominic and Damian. Requiem Mass at St Nicholas Church, Chiswick Mall, London W4, at 11 am on Thursday 13th May, followed by interment. Flowers may be sent c/o W.S. Bond, 127 Chiswick High Road, W4 2NN (081-994 0277).
FIELD - On May 6th, suddenly in hospital, Peter B. Field aged 57, of Coral Gables, Florida. Elder son of the late Revd. and Mrs E.P. Field. Beloved husband of Miriam, proud and loving father of Paul, Pamela and Alison, father-in-law of Bill and Stéphane and grandfather of Anna and Caitlin. The funeral will be held at his home in Florida.
IMLAY - On May 4th 1993, peacefully after a short illness, David Alan, aged 71 years, of Stow-on-the-Wold, Glos. Beloved husband of Prue and father of Andrew and Mary. A Service of Thanksgiving for David's life will be held at St Edward's Church, Stow-on-the-Wold, on Monday May 17th at 2.45pm. No flowers by request but donations, if desired, for the National Asthma Campaign c/o W.J. Wright, Funeral Director, Well Lane, Stow-on-the-Wold, Cheltenham, Glos.
SCHMITZ GOERTZ - On May 6th, peacefully after a short illness, Judith, loving wife of Heitho and widow of E.W.S Foljambe Osberton, devoted aunt to many. Funeral at Axford Church on May 11th at 3 pm, family only. Thanksgiving Service to be arranged.
SMITH - Peacefully on May 5th, Philip Sascha of Great Ayton, Middlesbrough, Cleveland, husband of Ann and father of Nat, Sarah, Pippa and Hannah. Funeral private. Celebration of his life to be arranged later. Donations to Cleveland Alzheimers' Residential Centre, Radcliffe Crescent, Thornaby, Cleveland.
VIZARD - Rita (née Allison), for many years of Echo Pit Road, Guildford, but late of Barnard Castle, Co. Durham, peacefully on May 4th 1993 at Knowle Park Nursing Home, Cranleigh. Darling wife of Viz and beloved sister of Madge. Service at Shalford Parish Church Wednesday 12th May 1993 at 12.15 pm, after at the Bramley Grange Hotel. Family flowers only to Pimms Funeral Services, Guildford, tel: (0483) 67394.
WOOD - Peacefully on May 6th at Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset. Professor Edward James, aged 90 years, dearly beloved husband of Mary, a much loved father of Arnold and Isabel. Funeral Service at Taunton Deane Crematorium, Somerset, on Friday May 14th at 11 am. Flowers if desired to Messrs P.J. Harris, Funeral Directors, 2 Cross Street, Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset, tel: (0278) 782886.
YOUNG - Geoffrey, Engineering Officer, Royal Merchant Navy, survivor of the shells of the Admiral Scheer and imprisonment on the Altmark, died peacefully in his sleep on 1st May. All donations to RNLI please. 'Home is the sailor, home from the sea'.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

JEFFREE - Richard Tresahar. Remembered with love on his birthday today and always.
SUTTON - Dr. John Sutton, 6th May 1990. Dearly loved and sadly missed. Rose.

PUBLIC NOTICES

PASTORAL MEASURE 1983
The Church Commissioners have prepared a draft amending redundancy scheme providing for the demolition of the redundant church of Christ Church, Litherland, otherwise known as Christ Church, Waterloo in the diocese of Liverpool and for the disposal of the site.
Copies of the draft scheme may be obtained from the Church Commissioners, 1 Millbank SW1P 3JZ to whom any representations may be made by 7 June 1993.

LEGAL NOTICES

No 003728 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF COMO INTERNATIONAL LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

Notice is Hereby Given that a Petition was on the 26th day of April 1993 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the share capital of the above-named Company from £100,000,000 to £800,000.

And Notice is Further Given that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2 on Wednesday the 19th day of May 1993.

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A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
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OBITUARIES

IVY BENSON

Ivy Benson, bandleader of the pioneering All Girls' Band, died on May 6 in Clacton-on-Sea, Essex, aged 79. She was born in Leeds on November 11, 1913.



ONE of the troops' favourites during the second world war, Ivy Benson forced men, by the sheer longevity of her career, to take women seriously as popular musicians. Despite providing a constant source of amusement for northern comedians, her twenty-girl band managed to keep in touch with the changing musical fashions for over fifty years.

Five hundred girls passed under her baton, along with be-bop, the jitterbug, jive and samba. In later years the repertoire included pop hits from the Top Thirty along with Benny Goodman and Glen Miller. Benson never minded taking requests for the old favourites, but she was adamant that they should keep up to date in their arrangements.

If Benson was an early feminist of sorts, she was not blind to reality. She knew that men came to see the band — twenty women glamorously decked out in full evening dress — for visual as well as musical reasons, and liked to employ pretty girls, preferably between 18 and 24 years old. The fall-out rate, however, in the days when most girls wanted to be married by the age of twenty, was high and Benson lost many of her best trombonists to GIs. Because of this she was never happy unless there were several girls (up to six in the 1940s) waiting in reserve.

Recruitment was another problem. Where a male bandleader could pick from a hundred outfits to find the trumpeter he needed, Benson had to find her own market, and provide the training. New girls would arrive competently trained from schools or brass bands, mostly from colliery districts or the Salvation Army, with a certain amount of technique but little flair. Benson would have to teach them to listen to their own rhythm and "swing".

Musically, although she could coax a big brassy sound from her girls, she never felt that becoming a good trombonist should be a woman's true vocation. When a good lung capacity is an asset, she argued, a woman could not be expected to blow like a man.

This doyenne of the Mecca ballroom circuit had found it initially very hard to break into the male-dominated dance-band world of the late 1930s. At a time when many male musicians were out of work, the bandleaders openly set out to sabotage her efforts.

After Jack Hylton had taken Benson under his wing, securing her a radio booking for the BBC in January 1943, the other bandleaders, held a meeting in London to discuss tactics for her removal. Despite an underhand campaign — musical arrangers deliberately put wrong notes in the girl's scores and the bandleaders sent a petition to the BBC — Ivy Benson's All Girls' Band was a success, and was receiving 300 fan letters a week from servicemen by the end of the war.

A musical career for the young Ivy Benson seemed inevitable from the start. Her father had played in the orchestra pit of the Leeds Empire and intended Ivy to become a concert pianist, giving her piano lessons from the age of three. When she was nine she won a talent contest at the Empire for her rendition of "Yes, We Have No Bananas". She later learnt the clarinet, the saxophone and the trombone.

Having left school at 16, her first job was in a shoe-shop, followed by piecework at the Montague Burton's factory. Benson supplemented her slender income by playing in bands such as Edna Croudfoot's Rhythm Girls during the evenings. Although there were numerous all girl bands in those days, the standard of musicianship was not high.

It became Benson's ambition to lead a girl orchestra which could really play. In 1940, she formed her 20-piece All Girls' Band. Their earliest venues were London tea shops, but as the second world war began to take its toll, creating a drain on bandsmen, the girls stepped into the breach and began to play in the increasingly packed dance halls.

Although Benson was very much the professional bandleader, turning to fix her audience with a warm smile every 16 bars or so, she would regularly put down her baton, pick up her saxophone, and join in.

The band's big break came with a contract with the Mecca Ballroom in Manchester. After the BBC booking — playing alongside broadcasting bands like Henry Hall, Jack Payne, Geraldo and Joe Loss — came a 22-week stint at the London Palladium.

Benson's was the first band into Berlin after its liberation — Montgomery himself requested they play in the victory celebrations — and the girls represented British entertainment during the 1948 Olympic Games. They spent the next three years touring and entertaining the troops in the Middle East, Vietnam and East Germany.

Benson used to say that the exploits of Tony Curtis and Jack Lemmon in *Some Like it Hot* were as nothing to some of the situations her girls found themselves in. At Checkpoint Charlie, they found the only way to get past some peculiarly obstructive Russian border guards was to charm them with an impromptu performance of *Il Silencio*, while in the Sahara Desert the girls were put under armed guard to protect them from the amorousness of troops who had not seen women for several months.

Bookings in the top hotels and ballroms of Europe followed, together with seasons at the Palladium and numerous television appearances. Every summer the girls took up residence at Douglas in the Isle of Man. However, their popularity was never backed up with the sort of financial rewards that the men's bands could expect.

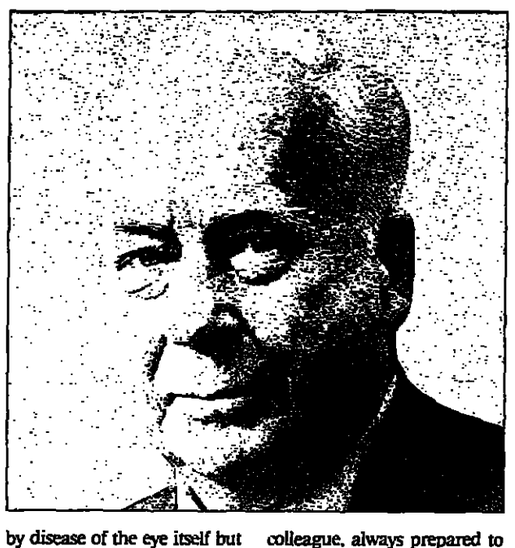
In the 1960s and 1970s the ballrooms and theatres began to close and the big-band era came to an end. Benson still kept a pool of 30 girls in reserve for the round of Masonic balls and civic dances that were now her staple. But in the early 1980s she retired to a bungalow in Clacton-on-Sea, Essex. She continued to play the electric organ at venues along the seafront most evenings, introducing herself with the signature tune, "Lady Be Good", which she had first used in 1944.

Benson's unashamed popularist approach on stage concealed a more thoughtful woman who could speak French, German, Spanish and some Russian and Italian. One of her unfulfilled ambitions was to give an orchestral recital of symphonic jazz music by Gershwin and Constant Lambert. In later years she worked tirelessly for charity.

Benson always held that big bands and husbands did not mix, and her own two brief marriages ended in divorce.

SWITHIN MEADOWS

Swithin Pinder Meadows, neurologist, died on May 1 aged 91. He was born in Lancashire on April 18, 1902.



SWITHIN Meadows was one of the best known and highly regarded neurologists of his generation. Not only was he an outstanding clinician, but he made important contributions to the literature in his field, notably in the sphere of visual problems.

He was born in Wigan where his father was editor of the *Wigan Observer*. He attended Wigan Grammar School and from there won a scholarship to Liverpool University. After graduating he did his house appointments in Liverpool and then applied successfully for the appointment of medical registrar at St Thomas' Hospital.

In those days it would have been very unusual indeed for someone outside the "magic circle" of the London teaching hospitals to be appointed to such a position and he used to recall in an amusing fashion the astonishment of the unsuccessful local applicants after the committee had announced their decision. They made it quite clear to him that they thought he must have had some secret influence behind the scenes with the committee. In fact the committee realised how good he was.

The appointment at St Thomas' was followed by a much sought-after position as a resident medical officer at the National Hospital in Queen Square, a specialist hospital dealing with diseases of the nervous system. Its full title in those days was the National Hospital for Paralysis and Epilepsy. He then went to the neurological department of the London Hospital where the two "chiefs" were George Riddoch and Russell Brain, both eminent in their field. Subsequently he was appointed physician to the Westminster Hospital and later to the National Hospital, Queen Square and as a physician to Moorfields eye hospital. For many years he was also consultant neurologist at King Edward VII Hospital, Windsor.

His work at Moorfields led to his accumulating vast experience in problems related to disorders of vision caused not by disease of the eye itself but as a result of involvement of the complicated nervous pathways between the eye and the brain, or of the visual centres in the brain itself. This branch of neurology proved to be his main field of interest and endeavour for the rest of his professional life in which he made important contributions to medical literature.

To describe him as a shrewd clinician may sound trite, the phrase has perhaps been devalued by too frequent use, but it is difficult to think of any other way of better describing the qualities which he possessed. It was said that to see him at work on a difficult clinical problem and discussing the diagnosis was to realise at once that he knew what he was about and he was rarely wrong in his conclusions.

He was physically commanding, tall and heavily built but gentle in his manner, rarely flustered and a genial colleague. There was no trace of side or affectation about him and he was direct and open in his dealings with colleagues. He worked very hard and at one time he regularly saw his patients at Queen Square on Saturday afternoon having spent the morning at his outpatient clinic at Windsor. Like many other dedicated clinicians of his generation he found it difficult to summon up great enthusiasm for committee work but he was a very good colleague, always prepared to be helpful and to carry his share of the burden of clinical work.

He made a number of important contributions to neurology which were published in medical literature. Many were concerned with visual problems but one of the earliest (with C. P. Symonds) in 1937 described difficult and unusual cases of compression of the spinal cord. His co-author had reason to write many years later a short introduction to this paper reprinted as part of a collection. He described it as being "full of hard facts" and that phrase cannot be bettered as a description of that paper and of Meadows's subsequent published work. On the whole he found speculation unattractive, but hard clinical facts, whether about optic neuritis of childhood (Doyne Lecture, 1969), intra-cranial aneurisms or cranial arteritis fascinated him.

He served as president of the section of neurology of the Royal Society of Medicine and was for many years on the board of the Medical Sickness Society (an insurance company dealing almost exclusively with doctors and dentists). He was also a vice-president of the Newspaper Press Fund, continuing the family interest in the press.

He was devoted to his wife Anne and to his two sons and two daughters, all of whom survive him.

SANDY SMITH

Richard Arthur Amyas (Sandy) Smith, MC, former personnel director of Burmah Oil, died after a succession of strokes on April 27 aged 71. He was born in Karachi on March 4, 1922.



THE second son of Sir Norman (Dickie) Smith, the last British head of Indian Intelligence, Sandy Smith was a man of striking good looks and imposing physique. Both were, in fact, slightly misleading. Although he had been a war hero, he always talked of his fears, never of his courage. And even during his retirement from business life he still continued to agonise over the cuts he had been required to implement when presiding over the personnel department of Burmah Oil.

Nevertheless, in some respects Smith fitted the John Buchan mould. At Tonbridge School he had been an outstanding games player, representing the Public Schools at Lord's just before the outbreak of war and having the highest scoring rate of any public school batsman. At Cambridge, where he was at St John's College, he represented the university at rugby and was awarded a wartime blue. He was not so successful at his studies, although his own description of himself as "stupid" certainly over-stretched the mark. He may not have been academic but he knew his own mind and it was shrewd and decisive.

Entering the Army in time for D-Day, he was commissioned into the Ox and Bucks Light Infantry. He volunteered to join the 6th Airborne Division and, as commander of a glider platoon, found himself charged with the task of seizing a vital bridge across the River Orne on the day the Allied forces landed in Normandy on June 6, 1944.

Contrary to what is sometimes asserted, the Germans were prepared for such an attack and there was a tough and bloody battle before Smith's platoon succeeded in taking and holding the bridge. It was an operation of vital importance to the success of D-Day and for his part in it Smith, who was wounded, was awarded the MC.

As soon as he had recovered from his wounds, Smith was back with his men and involved in another grim encounter with the German Army connected with the crossing of the Rhine. This time his glider was shot down and, as one of only two survivors, Smith was forced to take refuge in a disused cellar until the Allied forces caught up with him. The experience was such that many years later Smith would still say that after it he never felt real fear again.

Once the war was over, Smith joined Burmah Shell serving for more than 20 years in India and Pakistan. He developed a remarkable relationship with the Pakistanis — who eventually paid him the exceptional compliment of choosing him to represent them on the Commonwealth Ex-Servicemen's League. (His selection had its own appositeness as the new state was, after all, the country of his birth.)

In 1968 Smith changed from Burmah Shell to Burmah Oil in order to become its director of personnel, a post, with a seat on the board, he held until his retirement. He made his home in the Cotswolds, where he played a full part in local life.

He was married three times and is survived by his wife Carol and four daughters, three of them from his previous marriages.

ERIC ROWAN

Eric Rowan, one of South Africa's cricketing greats, died in Johannesburg on April 30 aged 83.

ONE of the best opening batsmen for South Africa of the 1940s and 1950s, Eric Rowan's record for the highest innings in South African domestic first class cricket still stands: 306 not out for the Transvaal against Natal at the (Old) Wanderers ground, Johannesburg in December 1939. Opening the innings, Rowan scored his runs out of a total of 608 for 6 declared.

He first represented Transvaal province at the age of 20 in the 1929-30 season and went on to score 11,710 first class runs at an average of 48.58 runs. His 26 tests produced 1,965 runs for an average of 43.66.

Rowan was chosen to play Test cricket for South Africa in 1935 when he toured England and played in all five Tests. Although he did not hit his form in those games, he played many graceful innings in other matches, doing well enough to head his side's averages with 1,948 runs (average 44.27).

Rowan made 14 more Test appearances after the war, including all five in the 1951 tour of England when he rounded off his Test career by heading his side's averages once again with 57.22.

He was named one of Wisden's cricketers of the year in 1952.

IRVING HOWE

Irving Howe, writer, historian, literary critic, and a leading exponent of democratic socialism in the United States, died of cardiovascular disease in New York on May 5 aged 72. He was born on June 11, 1920.

GROWING up as he did, the child of impoverished Jewish immigrants in a New York ghetto during the Great Depression, it was almost inevitable that Irving Howe should be involved with radical politics. They were not always the same politics, but they were always radical.

Inspired by his grandmother, who had been a teenage activist in Europe, Howe was a Marxist in high school and a Trotskyist by the time he entered the College of the City of New York in 1936. There he became known as a pillar of anti-Stalinist ideological rectitude, spending much more time debating with fellow students in the cafeteria than he did in class.

Yet by the 1960s Howe was quarrelling famously with the leaders of the emergent New Left, in which he saw tendencies towards violence, irrationalism, petulance and intolerance. He was reviled by radical students of that era for his lack of commitment to "the revolution," and at Stanford University, where he was teaching at the time, he was accused by one student of being "a lackey of the status quo." Replied Howe: "You know what you're going to be? You're going to be a dentist."

In a prophetic article for the *New York Times Magazine* in 1970, Howe wrote that "the first and mildest consequence" of leftist terrorism in America would be the election of Ronald Reagan to the presidency.

The truth was that Howe never lost his lifelong devotion to socialism, but he was an habitual dissenter from the orthodoxy of the moment. Whichever way the herd was going, Howe could be found heading in the opposite direction. He also hated extremism, whether from left or right, and it showed clearly in his writing for *Dissent*, a magazine he founded and edited for almost four decades.

In it he was deeply critical of the abuses of capitalism and the American paranoia towards all things socialist, but was equally repelled by socialist totalitarianism in the Soviet Union, Cuba and elsewhere.

"There is utopia and utopia," he once wrote. "The kind imposed by an elite in the name of a historical imperative — that utopia is hell. It must lead to terror and then, terror exhausted, to cynicism and torpor. But surely there is another utopia. It cannot be willed either into existence or out of sight. It speaks for our sense of what may yet be."

But there was more to Irving Howe than his politics. A prolific writer, his work ranged from critical studies of William Faulkner and Sherwood Anderson, to a biography of Leon Trotsky and translations of Yiddish poetry into English.

His most widely read book, which won the National Book Award in 1976, was *World of Our Fathers*, a mammoth history of Eastern European immigration to the US.

Once attacked by a feminist for not calling it "World of Our Fathers and Our Mothers", Howe retorted: *World of Our Fathers* is a title. "World of our Fathers and Our Mothers" is a speech."

Though lacking a PhD, Howe had a long and distinguished career as a university professor, teaching for 24 years at the City University of New York where he became Distinguished Professor of English and was renowned for his passionate lectures on literature.

It was a passion that had odd roots. In 1942, having been drafted into the US Army, he was posted to Alaska where there was little to do but read. Over 18 months he devoured more than 400 books on a vast range of subjects, the kind of reading, he said, he would never have the chance to do again. On demobilisation, it launched him on his literary and academic career.

Howe retired from City University in 1986, but continued to give speeches and write essays for *Dissent* in spite of failing health.

He was married three times and is survived by his last wife, Ilana, a son and a daughter.

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THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF MUSIC

A second step in that movement for the formation of a national institution to promote the cultivation of music is marked by the opening yesterday by the Prince of Wales. The ceremony had necessarily somewhat of a private character owing to the limited accommodation afforded by the rooms in the building which, though doubtless well-adapted for classwork, are not of sufficient size to permit a large assemblage to be brought together. The College takes possession of the building in Kensington-gore facing the west side of the Albert Hall.

The Archbishop of Canterbury offered the following special prayer:— "O God, who are the only author of order and beauty, Bless, we beseech Thee this College to the perfecting of science and skill in Thy pure gift of Music; and grant that the good intent of its founder may be so answered in the diligence and virtue of its students, that both the restful delight of man, and the glory of the Divine worship may be enhanced ever more and more; through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.

Dr George Grove, the Director, then said—"For the first time in English history music has been taken out of the domain of personal and professional questions to which it was too often relegated, and placed upon that national basis which its social and civilizing powers entitle it to demand ...

ON THIS DAY

May 8 1883

The initial meeting at which the proposal for a college of music was made was held the year before at St James's Palace, evidence of the keen interest shown in the idea by the Prince of Wales, later King Edward VII.

"Fifty scholarships have been established of which 35 offer a free education in music, and 15 provide not only a free education, but also a maintenance for the scholars. Of these scholarships half are held by boys and half by girls. I observe with pleasure that the various districts from which these scholars are drawn indicate the widespread distribution of a taste for music, and an adequate cultivation of music throughout the United Kingdom. London, with its vast population, sends only 12 out of the 50. The remaining 38 come as follows: 28 from 14 different counties in England, two from Scotland, six from Ireland, one from Wales, and one from Jersey. The occupations of the scholars are as various as the places from which they come. I find that a mill-girl, the daughter of a brick-maker and the son of a blacksmith take high places in singing, and the son of a farm labourer in violin playing. (Hear, hear.) The capacity of these candidates has been tested by an examination of unusual severity.

NEWS

Take a grip, MPs tell Major

■ The prime minister's leadership was called into question amid a wave of recrimination over the Conservative party's most calamitous electoral showing for decades.

Only a year after his triumphant election victory, John Major was being urged by ministers and MPs to take a grip on his government and policies .....Pages 1, 2, 3, 16, 17

Mackay goes looking for Nadir

■ Lord Mackay, the Lord Chancellor, has made a personal request to the Turkish Cypriot leader for the return of Asil Nadir. Lord Mackay met Rauf Denktas on Thursday, a day after Mr Denktas rejected a similar demand by David Dain, Britain's High Commissioner in Nicosia..... Pages 1, 17

Send in the troops

American troops should be sent to Bosnia to help the United Nations aid operation, Lord Owen saidPages 1, 9, 14, 16, 17

Fountains turned off

The fountains in Trafalgar Square were turned off after a man died in an outbreak of Legionnaires' disease in central London..... Page 1

Son was burglar

A woman who found an armed man ransacking her home was about to hand over money when the burglar's mask slipped. He was her son ..... Page 5

JPs' clerks rebel

Justices' clerks threw the means-related fines system into confusion, attacking new guidelines as "unsound"..... Page 7

Car sales fall

New car sales fell last month by 1.91 per cent compared with a year ago, putting the brakes on six months of rapid recovery for the motor industry..... Page 8

Hillary for president

Bill Clinton resorted to appearing on TV with his wife to get him out of his latest popularity hole. He said: "A woman will be elected president, probably in my lifetime"..... Page 11

Moscow prepares

Moscow is preparing for further violence tomorrow as opponents of President Yeltsin threatened to hold a march ..... Page 12

'Harmful' relief

The many amateur relief efforts in areas such as Bosnia and Somalia were criticised by the Red Cross as ineffective and sometimes obstructive ..... Page 9

Khmer Rouge threat

Khmer Rouge guerrillas are poised for a big assault on towns controlled by the Phnom Penh government..... Page 15

Duke has a word

The Queen's state visit to Hungary ended with one of those famous — and alarming — *bon mots* by her husband..... Page 7

A prince turns to farming

■ Prince Michael of Ethiopia, a grandson of the late Emperor Haile Selassie, now has no higher ambition than to run a dairy farm. The prince, whose family claims descent from King Solomon, is studying the dairy business in Britain. He hopes to start farming in Ethiopia soon ..... Page 9

TOM STODDART



Motorway flames: the scene on the M4 in Berkshire yesterday after a fruit lorry and a mobile crane collided and caught fire. Page 5

Insider dealing: The Stock Exchange has conceded that the rules to prevent insider dealing need a radical overhaul after a City fund manager complained of suspicious movements in the Tiphook share price ..... pages 21, 23

Markets: Share prices rallied on talk of an imminent takeover bid for United Biscuits and the FT-SE closed up 7.4 at 2,793.7. Sterling made further headway, rising .65 cents to $1.5772 and .92 pfennigs to DM2.4896 ..... Page 24

Football: "In Beirut, the unthinkable began to happen." Rob Hughes sees football make a comeback after the civil war ..... Page 39

Boxing: Followers of Lennox Lewis were stunned by the bizarre behaviour of Tony Tucker, his opponent in tonight's contest, at a press conference ..... Page 40

Cricket: John Woodcock says the West Indies are still the finest side in the world, but Sri Lanka, their next Test opponents, may be tough nuts to crack ..... Page 35

Out of town: Full sail ahead as Britain's growing army of windmill enthusiasts notch up more preservation victories ..... Page 3

Food: Robin Young judges those servers who only stand and wait (at table), and Frances Bissell sings the praises of the real green shoots of spring, asparagus ..... Pages 4, 5

Wine mine: Part two of Jane MacQuitty's guide to building your own wine cellar, plus Liz Gerard on "discovering wine" holidays in Bordeaux ..... Pages 5, 6

Gardening: An anniversary exhibition in London celebrates the work of Gertrude Jekyll ..... Page 7

Sporting life: Helen Pickles is put through the hoops in the most civilised manner while learning the fine art of croquet ..... Page 11

Property: Rachel Kelly on boom times for the model makers who can reproduce your des res in miniature..... Page 12

Note of discord: "I'm very worried about music now. It's being marketed not to be listened to." On the day that his big new orchestral work is given its British premiere, Sir Harrison Birtwistle decries the "wallpaper" state of classical music..... Weekend page 14

Method in their madness: A bright new all-female dance company from Lisbon introduced itself winningly to London with a work entitled *The Truth Is That We Are All Mad!*..... Weekend page 14

Brendel's Beethoven: New recordings of the Beethoven sonatas by the great Austrian pianist Alfred Brendel are included in the reviews of the latest classical releases..... Weekend page 14

Veteran touch: Sir Georg Solti, 80, the conductor, has lost none of his energy or his musical vision, as an epic Bruckner evening with the LSO showed..... Weekend page 14

THE TIMES NEXT WEEK

The Good University Guide

■ With 96 universities, there has never been a bigger choice of degree courses. Yet which universities are best for arts or sciences — or night life? All next week *The Times* offers a unique, invaluable guide to aspiring students and their parents.

THE ISSUE

Highway 61 was celebrated in song by Bob Dylan. The stories are featured in *Tales of Rock'n'Roll* (BBC2, today, 8.30pm)..... Page 16

OPINION

The big question

The current prime minister and Chancellor have dealt with public concern by denying its existence. The lesson from Thursday night is that it has to be addressed, directly..... Page 17

Retiring undefeated

The ground-breaking ruling made by a High Court judge this week that a divorced man's pension scheme should be altered to make immediate provision for his former wife, is to be welcomed..... Page 17

COLUMNS

PETER STOTHARD

The Danes want to be assured that Britain will stand by them if they vote "no", and that John Major and Douglas Hurd would not simply exclude them from a "son of Maastricht" deal with the rest of the Community. It is impossible to give such an assurance, possible to say only that the government's weakness makes such action very difficult..... Page 16

SIMON JENKINS

Folly, wrote the historian Barbara Tuchman, is the most enduring political phenomenon, and the Bosnia operation meets all three of her criteria..... Page 16

LETTERS

Readers suggest uses for St Ethelburga's, the City church hit by an IRA bomb ..... Page 17

EDITORIAL

The campaign on the theme of the recovery of the economy, launched to appease the anger of the British, has not been a success. The crisis has left society deeply scarred

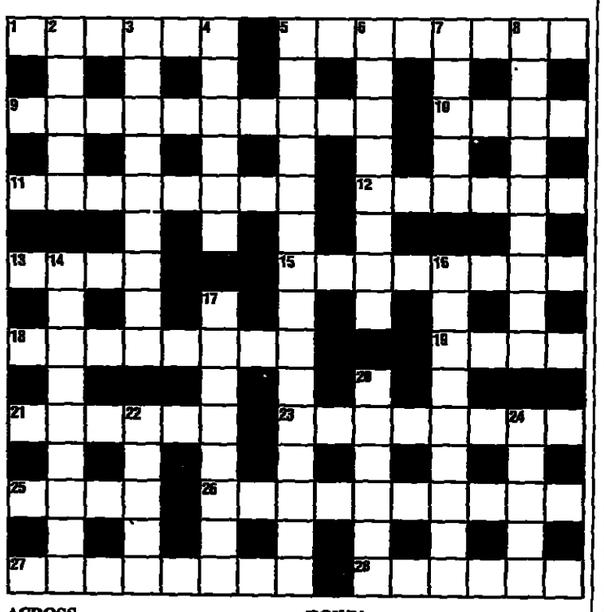
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ACROSS

1 Get hold of some eggs (6).
5 Count out diamonds — count for nothing (3,2,3)
9 Cut bits out of written promises, being hypercritical (10).
10 Missing the first frequent connection (4).
11 I celebrated about noon — disgraceful! (8).
12 Fury and rage about state beginning to scrimp (6).
13 Profligate city without a name (4).
15 Submarine left America in pursuit of a unit that went adrift (8).
18 Shorten bridge (8).
19 Skirt going over the top, we hear (4).
21 Some advocate acupuncture in the seat of the disturbance (6).
23 Newspaper man brought back in to show proof (8).
25 British island a part of America? (4).
26 Carving on a hillside in the Yukon (10).
27 Reaching out, being responsible (2,6).
28 Very little money put into excellent meal (6).

DOWN

2 One in the right environment to get up late (3,2)
3 Will try getting the last word at last (9).
4 Henry has a weapon in school (6).
5 Rite of passage when scoring a try? (8,3,4)
6 Harmonious note swamped by sundry faults (8).
7 Very good? A very good animal (5).
8 Flower in sweet bunch (9).
14 Without help and love, nobody gets broadcast (2,4,3).
16 Noodles are often up the creek (2,3,4).
17 The available force of marines upset about damaged weapon (8).
20 Various people after pearls (6).
22 Metallic sound produced by a pound in coins (5).
24 Cheddar adjudged superior to Edam, put in the first of each class (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 19,219

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WEATHER

Scotland, Northern Ireland and northern England will be mainly dry, with sunny periods and isolated showers inland; Wales and the rest of England mostly dry and sunny. Cloud will edge west from the southeast, bringing the likelihood of showers, mainly near the south coast. Windy in the south and rather cold over North Sea coasts. Outlook for tomorrow and Monday: cloudy at times with showers, but many places dry and brighter.

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; h=hair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	19	66	s	Madrid	20	68	f
Akrotiri	21	70	f	Majorca	21	70	s
Alex'dria	29	84	s	Malaga	19	66	f
Algiers	22	72	s	Malta	21	70	s
Amst'dm	13	55	c	Melb'rne	17	63	c
Athens	22	72	f	Mexico C*	25	77	s
Bahrain	27	81	c	Miami*	29	84	s
Bangkok	35	95	f	Milan	21	70	f
Barbados*	29	84	c	Montreal*	21	70	s
Barcelna	19	66	f	Moscow	17	63	s
Beirut	20	68	s	Munich	20	68	s
Belgrade	21	70	s	Nairobi	27	81	f
Berlin	21	70	s	Naples	21	70	f
Bermuda*	25	77	s	N Delhi	39	102	s
Biarritz	16	61	s	N York*	24	75	c
Borde'x	18	64	s	Nice	20	68	s
Brussels	11	52	c	Oslo	8	46	r
Budapst	25	77	f	Paris	12	54	c
B.Aires*	15	59	c	Peking	22	72	s
Cairo	33	91	s	Perth	19	66	c
Cape Tn	18	64	f	Prague	22	72	f
Chicago*	24	75	s	Reykjavik	5	41	r
Ch'church	10	50	c	Rhodes	19	66	r
Cologne	19	66	s	Rio de J	27	81	f
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Dubrovnik	21	70	s	S F'isco*	16	61	r
Faro	19	66	s	S Paulo*	21	70	c
Florence	23	73	s	Seoul	24	75	s
Frankfurt	20	68	f	Sing'por	32	90	f
Funchal	19	66	f	St'kholm	21	70	s
Geneva	14	57	c	Strasb'rg	13	55	r
Gibraltar	21	70	s	Sydney	21	70	f
Helsinki	21	70	s	Tangier	20	68	f
Hong K	29	84	s	Tel Aviv	26	79	s
Innsbrck	19	66	f	Tenerife	21	70	s
Istanbul	18	64	f	Tokyo	22	72	c
Jeddah	32	90	s	Toronto*	20	68	s
Jo'burg*	24	75	f	Tunis	22	72	c
L Palmas	21	70	f	Vallarcia	26	79	f
Le Touet	11	52	c	Venc'ver*	12	54	f
Lisbon	18	64	s	Venice	22	72	f
Locarno	16	61	d	Vienna	22	72	s
London	13	55	s	Warsaw	24	75	f
L Angels*	20	68	f	Wash'ton*	28	79	c
Luxembg	15	59	c	Wel'ton	12	54	r
Lyon	35	95	s	Zurich	13	55	c

* denotes figures are latest available

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	1.2	-	13	55	cloudy
Anglesey	9.3	-	16	61	sunny
Aviemore	0.5	0.20	13	55	rain
Belfast	8.2	-	17	63	sunny
Birmingham	10.1	-	15	59	sunny
Bognor Regis	14.0	-	15	59	sunny
Bournemouth	14.0	-	17	63	sunny
Bristol	12.6	-	16	61	sunny
Buxton	3.0	-	13	55	sunny
Cardiff	13.2	-	15	59	sunny
Clacton	12.9	-	12	54	sunny
Colwyn Bay	8.5	-	13	55	bright
Cromer	12.8	-	12	54	sunny
Eastbourne	13.3	-	15	59	sunny
Edinburgh	5.6	-	14	57	bright
Eskdalemuir	6.9	-	17	63	sunny
Exmouth	13.0	-	13	55	sunny
Falmouth	11.2	-	14	57	sunny
Folkestone	13.5	-	12	54	sunny
Guernsey	12.7	-	15	59	sunny
Hastings	13.4	-	14	57	sunny
Hunstanton	12.8	-	11	52	sunny
Isle of Man	10.8	-	13	55	sunny
Jersey	12.9	-	15	59	sunny
Kinloss	-	-	13	55	cloudy
Leeds	9.0	0.10	15	59	sunny
Lerwick	0.5	0.02	10	50	rain
Littlehampton	13.6	-	14	57	sunny
Liverpool	5.2	-	15	59	bright
Lowestoft	11.2	-	11	52	sunny
Margate	13.5	-	12	54	sunny
Minehead	13.2	-	15	59	sunny
Morecambe	7.5	-	16	61	sunny
Newcastle	1.5	0.02	12	54	bright
Newquay	12.5	-	15	59	sunny
Nottingham	6.3	-	15	59	sunny
Penzance	12.0	-	15	59	sunny
Plymouth	12.9	-	13	55	sunny
Poole	13.7	-	16	61	sunny
Salcombe	12.2	-	14	57	sunny
Sandown	12.5	-	15	59	sunny
Saunton Snd	13.1	-	17	63	sunny
Scilly Isles	12.3	-	14	57	sunny
Shanklin	13.2	-	14	57	sunny
Southend	12.6	-	13	55	sunny
Southsea	13.5	-	15	59	sunny
Stornoway	-	-	13	55	cloudy
Swanage	12.7	-	13	55	sunny
Teignmouth	13.5	-	14	57	sunny
Tenby	11.6	-	14	57	sunny
Tiree	-	-	12	54	cloudy
Torquay	13.3	-	15	59	sunny
Weymouth	12.6	-	13	55	sunny
Wick	0.1	0.02	10	50	rain

These are Thursday's figures



Information supplied by Met Office

SUNRISE AND SUNSET

London 8.35 pm to 5.20 am
Bristol 8.45 pm to 5.30 am
Edinburgh 9.08 pm to 5.14 am
Manchester 8.51 pm to 5.21 am
Penzance 8.52 pm to 5.48 am

TODAY

Sun rises: 5.20 am — Sun sets: 8.35 pm
Moon rises 11.36 pm — Moon sets 6.47 am

London 8.37 pm to 5.18 am
Bristol 8.48 pm to 5.28 am
Edinburgh 9.09 pm to 5.12 am
Manchester 8.53 pm to 5.19 am
Penzance 8.53 pm to 5.45 am

TOMORROW

Sun rises: 5.18 am — Sun sets: 8.37 pm
Moon rises am — Moon sets 7.47 am

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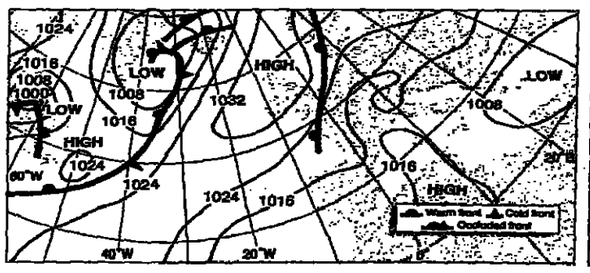
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Exchange index.....80.9 (+0.2)
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FT-SE 100 .....2793.7 (+7.4)
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London Bank Base..... 6%
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Last word: Walter Dickson, the chairman of C&J Clark, who is under pressure to resign after the planned sale was thrown out

SE admits insider dealers are evading prosecution

BY MARTIN WALLER AND NEIL BENNETT

■ Amid rising protests by City fund managers, the London Stock Exchange has admitted that repeated cases of insider dealing are not being prosecuted

THE Stock Exchange has conceded that the rules designed to prevent insider trading need a radical overhaul to prevent criminals from escaping punishment.

The admission comes in the wake of the escalating row over apparent insider dealing in the shares of Tiphook, the transport group, before a profits warning last week that sent the shares into a nosedive.

The exchange has apparently ruled out any possible criminal dealing in the Tiphook affair, to the surprise of many market observers. A leading fund manager yesterday called for the job of investigating insider trading to be taken away from from the exchange and given to the Securities and Investments Board, the City's umbrella regulatory body.

Paul Myners, chairman of Gartmore Investment Management, demanded "a more robust approach" to insider dealing investigation after the Stock Exchange told him there was nothing unusual in the sharp fall in Tiphook shares two days before the profits warning.

Gartmore has reacted by selling its 3.2 per cent stake in Tiphook following the incident, which Mr Myners says is only one of repeated examples of apparent insider trading.

"I believe we need an investigative approach to insider dealing.. a greater determination to succeed and a greater use of technology," he said. "The most obvious hint of wrong-doing is any behaviour out of line with normal. The approach needs to be much more determined than at present. Investigation powers should not lie with the Stock Exchange. The SIB would be more appropriate."

The Stock Exchange is believed to have abandoned its investigation into Tiphook's share price movements after concluding that the price fall was in line with the transport sector. Tiphook refused to discuss the matter last night.

The exchange is itself keen to see the matter of insider dealing transferred to a central enforcement agency, possibly the SIB. The exchange has authority only over its member firms. It has no remit in other markets, such as derivatives, which can have an impact on share prices. Sir Andrew Hugh Smith, the chairman, is calling for a review of all the processes governing insider trading.

The City has long accepted that the offence is rife. "I think what you are seeing still are a lot of quite suspicious share price moves," said Paul Manduca, deputy managing director of Henderson Administration, the fund management firm, and chairman of the Association of Investment Trust Companies. "That suggests there are people in the know. What it doesn't suggest is who they are."

He would also like to see investigation transferred to the SIB, which would have to be strengthened to meet the challenge. "The SIB has the authority. What we are saying is, give it the resources."

Andrew Large, the chairman of the SIB, has long campaigned for an extension of the board's authority and is likely to repeat the call in a forthcoming report on self-regulation in the City to the Chancellor, whose department has the authority to bring prosecutions.

City observers were privately doubtful if any review would lead to a crackdown. "If there's insider dealing, it's probably the second oldest profession," said one.

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Clarks board rebuffed as vote keeps firm in family

BY JON ASHWORTH

SHAREHOLDERS of C&J Clark, the troubled West Country shoe group, have astonished the management by throwing out plans to sell the company to Berisford International.

The motion to approve a bid for Clarks was defeated by a slim majority at a passionate meeting of 700 shareholders at the Royal Bath & West showground, Shepton Mallet, Somerset, yesterday. Walter Dickson, chairman, is under pressure to resign in the wake of the decision which casts the privately run company into a new period of turmoil.

The decision will drive a new wedge between warring factions of the 1,000-strong Clark family, who have been arguing for almost a decade over the company's future.

The vote was 47 per cent in favour of the motion and 53 per cent against. Mr Dickson said he would be considering his position over the weekend. In a statement, he said: "The board will now work towards achieving agreement on how best to take advantage of the great strength of its brands and people in the best interests of our shareholders and employees." Clarks said the board would now have to give "very careful and detailed consideration" to how the company should proceed.

Clark family rebels, who have fought to keep the company private, were ecstatic after the decision was announced. Hugh Pym, an ITN reporter and family member, said the proceedings were "a vote against sale and a vote for the future of Clarks". Mr Pym, who has led a campaign called Share Holders Opposed to Enforced Sale (Shoes), said he hoped the company would be floated on the stock market within five years. He said Mr Dickson's future as chairman was a matter for the board.

The rebels have proposed a slimmer board structure with new non-executive directors and the formation of a shareholder council to allow greater democracy in the running of the business. Mr Pym said: "We hope all shareholders can now get together to make this work. That's the way to take the company forward — by working together."

Clarks attempted a stock market flotation in 1989 but was defeated by a narrow margin. Although 71 per cent of shareholders voted for the motion, the company needed more than 75 per cent to carry the day. Berisford had offered 239p for each Clarks share, valuing the company at £184 million. The shares have been independently valued at 100p.

The shareholders cheered and applauded when the decision was announced. Earlier, Lance Clark, head of the rebel directors, told the meeting it was "absolutely idiotic" to sell the company at a time when all the books were full and the recession was easing. Clarks, he said, had the best brands and excellent management: "Please do not hand that over to somebody else."

The Clarks boardroom has been split by a family feud since the mid-1980s. Profits have fallen and the company is desperate to rebuild itself on the strength of brands like Clark shoes, K Shoes and Ravel. The feud has divided the 1,000 descendents of Cyrus and James Clark, who founded the firm in 1825.

Berisford, which hoped to use Clarks as a platform on which to relaunch itself, said it would continue to seek new opportunities.

City anger at Tiphook slide

BY OUR DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

THE sharp dive in the stock market value of Tiphook, the container and trailer leasing group whose share price is no stranger to unusual gyrations, before a profits warning last month is only the latest in a long line of apparently indisputable — but ultimately unprovable — examples of insider trading.

But it was enough to trigger an angry response from Paul Myners, chairman of Gartmore Investment Management, one of the City's biggest fund managers, who believes white collar criminals are getting clean away in the Square Mile because the process intended to combat insider dealing is inefficient.

"The time has long passed for a radical review of a process that is clearly not working," he wrote in a letter to the *Financial Times*. "I have no doubt that a more robust and structured process would be successful in identifying wrongdoers and those who act on their behalf."



Myners: change call

The news that the surveillance department of the London Stock Exchange, after a careful investigation of the matter, has apparently decided there is no case to be sent to the trade and industry department for a possible criminal prosecution only added to Mr Myners' anger, although the reaction in the City is more likely to be one of resigned cynicism.

As reported in *The Times*, the Tiphook share price slumped 36p, or 11 per cent, on April 26 and 27, for no apparent reason.

The price has been the subject of "bear raids" in the past, a process whereby seasoned speculators attempt to drive the price downwards to make a profit by selling shares short, but the Stock Exchange had found no evidence of a concerted effort to drive the price down.

Two days later, the company said that forthcoming profits would be a fifth lower than City estimates, prompting a further slide in the shares.

Tiphook said news of the profits warning was passed to UBS, the company's broker, the previous week and that there was no way the news could have leaked out.

Lamont claims manufacturing revolution

BY ROSS TIEMAN AND COLIN NARBROUGH

A REVOLUTION in British manufacturing during the 1980s has set the economy on course for "growth sustained for years," Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, said last night.

Improved competiveness, strong investment and improved training had provided a base from which companies could prosper in the 1990s, he said. Tight control of prices by individual firms was combining with low inflation in the national economy to enhance competitiveness.

"The government's doing its job and you're doing yours," he told 1,100 members of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce. That was supported by business investment in equipment and training which had held well through the recession.



Lamont: "on course"

Business had made enormous strides during the 1980s, he said. This was the first ten-year period since the second world war when Britain grew faster than Germany, France or Italy.

The fundamental improvements in industrial relations and productivity were still there. "When the dust settles on this recession, they will be seen to be there."

Renewing the government's commitment to manufacturing, Mr Lamont said: "Exports are the way to recovery and growth." That, he said, was why manufacturing mattered.

The financial markets were unruffled by the rout the government suffered at the polls, in part reflecting the "very encouraging" picture of economic recovery emerging from the latest Treasury report and elsewhere.

The pound produced a surprisingly strong showing against the mark, climbing almost a pfennig to 2.4896 at the official London close, almost a pfennig up on the previous finish, helped by economic gloom and industrial unrest in Germany. Sterling's trade-weighted index closed 0.2 higher at 80.9. Share and gilt prices were little changed in thin trading.

The pundits attributed the Conservatives' dramatic loss of favour on Thursday to the long, deep recession, which appears to have outweighed the mounting evidence of upturn in voters' minds.

The Treasury monthly report, which collates published data, showed most economic indicators pointing upwards. It listed rising house prices, subdued pressures on inflation, and falling unemployment among the favourable factors.

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How law is broken 'on a regular basis' in stock market dealings


Sir Andrew: stock replies

THE allegation by the chairman of Gartmore, one of the City's most influential institutional shareholders, that insider trading is commonplace provided a useful talking point in dealing rooms and over Friday lunches. But it is unlikely that Paul Myners was telling anyone in the Square Mile anything they did not already know.

Insider dealing is rife. It is a criminal offence under the Company Securities (Insider Dealing) Act of 1985 and the law will be tightened when the criminal justice bill, now going through Parliament, receives royal assent. The law is broken on a regular basis, as any reader of these pages who can correlate profit warnings and other bad news with the suspicious share price movements that often precede them, will know.

The Stock Exchange, chaired by Sir Andrew Hugh Smith, has evolved a stock response if asked about one of the more flagrant instances. "We always investigate suspicious share price movements," is the comforting mantra that emanates from the Stock Exchange tower on such occasions. The exchange will never identify its investigations, however, or confirm that any given share price movement is the subject of enquiries. Frustratingly, too, for those who would like to see the City clean up its act, these deliberations seldom result in a prosecution. In the first ten years after insider dealing became an offence in 1980, the exchange referred 180 cases to the trade department, a pathetic number in that decade of hectic stock market activity. Only 26 prosecutions were brought and only ten convictions secured.

The authorities' strike rate since 1990 has been better, and the first prison sentence was imposed in 1991. But the statistics show that there is barely an even chance that a case that gets as far as the courtroom will result in a prosecution, and fines are generally low.

Paul Nield, a partner at Gouldens, a firm of solicitors, and a leading securities lawyer, says the structure of present law makes prosecution next to impossible, and the proposed changes in the criminal justice bill will do little to make it any easier.

"There are a number of quite complicated legal elements in any insider dealing offence, both under the current legislation and under what is proposed," he says. "One of the key things you have to show is intention and purpose."

Consider a classic case of insider dealing.

A source within a company rings a friend in the City and tells him that the company will shortly announce that expected profits this year will actually be losses. The friend immediately sells any shares he owns, to avoid a loss, or alternatively goes short in the stock in the expectation that the price will fall. The share price falls ahead of the announcement. The two split any gains, or the source is paid for preventing his City friend's loss.

The share sale is registered at the exchange. Once the profit warning comes out, the exchange's surveillance department contacts all those who dealt, including the friend, asking why. What is lacking in the way of evidence for a successful prosecution is any link between the two. Short of a taped telephone call or a written note, there is no way of proving the timely share sale was causally linked to the impending profit warning.

Before 1980, insider dealing was not an offence. Many a mansion in the leafy Surrey stockbroker belt was built out of the proceeds of an activity that was then accepted practice. The Act was tightened in 1985, and an offence today has three main elements. There must be acquisition of inside information, whether requested or unsolicited: dealings must take place, whether or not they result in a profit; and the information must not be generally known — in other words, it must be price-sensitive.

The burden of proof is that which normally applies in criminal cases, that the case must be proven beyond all reasonable doubt. Where the critical evidence of a link between the insider at the company and the dealer is missing, this is an almost insurmountable obstacle.

One option that has been considered is a switch to the lower threshold of proof that applies in civil cases, that an offence has probably been committed. Another option might be called the "hand in a cookie jar" principle; all that is needed is the fact that one event, the dealing, preceded another, the profit warning, and no evidence of intent need be considered. The principle operates to a limited extent in the US, where company directors are required to hand back profits made on share deals that are too close to significant events.

This would reverse the basic thrust of English criminal law. It might, however, mean a less moralistic but more workable approach to City crime, whereby insider dealing was not stigmatised but instead subject to automatic and heavy fines.

The forthcoming changes in the criminal justice bill widen the offence to the extent that some observers fear the normal City round of informal contacts between brokers' analysts and companies could be criminalised.

MARTIN WALLER
Deputy City Editor

Lautro imposes £75,000 fine on Prosperity Life

BY LINDSAY COOK
MONEY EDITOR

■ **An investment watchdog charged Prosperity Life with failing to take appropriate action despite evidence that a tied agent was breaking the law**

PROSPERITY Life, the life insurance company formerly known as Municipal Life, has paid £750,000 in compensation to investors and been fined £75,000 by the Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation because one of its tied agents persuaded more than 70 investors to cancel existing investments to buy its own.

The practice known in the industry as "churning" was outlawed in the Financial Services Act.

The life company has since severed its relationship with All Saints Investment and Pensions of Norwich, the agent concerned. Last July, Weekend Money expressed concern at the activities of All Saints, which had previously been tied to Reliance Mutual and had sold about 100 home income plans to elderly people linked to investment bonds. The investors borrowed money against their homes, which was then invested in Reliance Mutual bonds.

When All Saints moved to Prosperity Life many of the investors were encouraged to purchase single premiums investment bonds with that company and to cancel the existing investment bonds.

This was not in their interest, but it allowed the agent to earn a second lot of commission.

In one case, a couple invested £55,000 with Reliance Mutual in 1989. By last summer, it had fallen in value to £30,000. Another investor suffered a loss of £9,000 when her investment fell in value to £12,694.74.

Lautro said that when Prosperity Life received indications that churning was taking place, it had failed to take all reasonably practicable steps to monitor the investment business sold through its appointed representative.

Nigel Herrick, marketing director of Prosperity Life, said that the company had compensated the 77 people who had made claims. "As soon as we found out there was a problem, All Saints were terminated. We have also tightened up our monitoring techniques since then."

The Maidstone firm has ten tied agents left and said it was the first time it had been disciplined by its regulator.

At Lautro, Colin Hawtin, head of policy, said: "This was a serious breach. Prosperity Life is dealing with it well. A lot of selling advice is based on trust. We have got to be absolutely satisfied that investors are not led to do the wrong thing. In some cases, investors were led to believe the withdrawals they made were income." In fact, the regular payments reduced the lump sum they had invested.

Churning has long been a concern of the regulators and consumer groups. Although outlawed, brokers are often accused of acting in their own interest in advising a change of investment rather than in the interest of their clients.

Lautro imposed its first fines last year. Last week, Interlife was fined £160,000. This was the highest fine to date. Putting investors back in the position they would have been in if they had not been misled by an insurance salesmen is part of the penalty. Lautro has sometimes required firms to do this without publicly censuring them.

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New ground: Sir Peter Parker, head of CLM, offers investors limited liability

Lloyd's sees £860m shortfall

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

LLOYD'S of London, the conflict-torn insurance market, foresees a gap of up to £860 million between potential claims for negligence against it and the amount of cover available.

Only a week after Lloyd's published its business plan for overhauling the market, Sedgewick, a leading insurance broker, said it had formed the first company to offer investors limited liability access to the hitherto unlimited liability market.

Sir Peter Parker, the former chairman of British Rail, heads Corporate Lloyd's Membership (CLM), the new listed company.

Lloyd's expects global losses on operations in 1990, the latest year under its accounting system, of "at least £2 billion". Results are due on June 22. Christopher Stockwell, chairman of the Lloyd's market board, said that 1990 might be the "worst year yet", bearing the 1989 loss of £2.04 billion.

The panel set up to examine "errors and omissions" (E&O) insurance estimates that claims for the London market's "excess of loss" syndicates would be around £1.8 billion alone, roughly in line with City expectations. But the estimate for E&O cover is between £690 million and £940 million, far short of what had been expected.

Peter Middleton, Lloyd's chief executive, said the panel made proposals for settling such claims, including the establishment of a special subsidiary, Recovery Limited, to acquire members' rights to pursue their actions, and a system of credit to members to fund cash calls. The possibility of capping losses of participating members was also considered.

But Mr Middleton said the market's ruling council could not see how recovering money from one group of members on behalf of other members could be compatible with the obligation to be even-handed to all. Another difficulty would be the financial risk of offering credits to members whose claims might not be upheld in the courts.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Irish SE voices concern over Greencore placing

THE Irish Stock Exchange has expressed "extreme concern" about events surrounding the placing, through Dublin's Davy Stockbrokers, of the stake of the government of the Irish Republic in Greencore, the food group. It said an investigation would be pursued "as a matter of urgency".

In placing 25 million shares on behalf of the Irish government, Davy, it is alleged, breached Greencore's articles of association under which no one investor can hold more than 15 per cent. The Bank of Ireland, which owns Davy, already controlled 15 per cent through a subsidiary.

Fairhaven floats OGC

FAIRHAVEN International, the oil, gas and petrochemicals construction group, is to offer 40 per cent of the shares of OGC International, its offshore services subsidiary. Bermuda-registered Fairhaven will retain the other 60 per cent of OGC, which is valued at £78 million at the offer price of 130p a share. Fairhaven will use the proceeds of the sale, about £30 million, to cut borrowings, strengthen its balance sheet and provide funds for future development.

Pittencrieff warning

PITTENCRIEFF, the oil and gas producer bidding for Aberdeen Petroleum, gave a warning that its results for last year, due next week, will be worse than expected. However, the Edinburgh company said it would pay shareholders a final dividend of at least 4p per share. It has revised its £7.5 million all-share offer for Aberdeen, offering a cash alternative of 17p for each share, and said it owned or had acceptances representing 28.2 per cent of its target.

Jarvis in rights issue

JARVIS, the building and civil engineering group, called on shareholders for £2.35 million to strengthen its financial position. The one-for-one rights issue of new shares at 14p was announced as the company reported a pre-tax loss for 1992 of £3.7 million, compared with profits of £238,000 in the previous year. Existing shares fell from 21p to 17½p. Jarvis is paying no dividend for the year. Last time shareholders received 0.575p.

Hutchison raises cash

HUTCHISON Whampoa, the Hong Kong telecommunications and container giant, raised HK$4.48 billion (£373 million) through a share placing and ruled out a later return for more cash. However, analysts had anticipated a HK$10 billion cash call and expect it will need another placement next year to finance expansion in China. The fund-raising saw Cheung Kong (Holdings), the property firm, place 151.7 million Hutchison shares to institutions at HK$18.30.

Mulcahy pay up a third

SIR Geoffrey Mulcahy, chairman of Kingfisher, the Woolworths, B&Q and Comet group, had his salary boosted by a third last year, according to the company's annual report. His basic pay jumped from £450,000 to £600,000, though his bonus — based on the performance of the group — fell to £167,000 from £264,000. After other minor benefits were taken into account, Sir Geoffrey's total remuneration increased 7.5 per cent from £719,000 to £773,000.

Costain seeks housing arm buyer

BY GEORGE SIVELL, CITY EDITOR

COSTAIN, the debt-laden construction group, said that it is discussing the sale of its British housebuilding division with a number of potential buyers.

Although it declined to comment on the buyers, the group's shares rose 1p to 37p. It said recently it had debts of £152.5 million, or 96 per cent of shareholders' funds, even after the sale of its Australian operations to Hanson for $200 million and the assumption of £53 million of debt. Debts are believed to have risen subsequently. Peter Costain, the chief executive, has said that the group would trade with the support of its banks.

Costain's residential and commercial property businesses last year reported an operating loss of £7.1 million against a £14.6 million deficit in 1991. The value of the group's housing land was written down by a further £49.5 million following sharp falls in house prices.

Costain as a whole incurred an attributable £213 million loss last year, including an £8 million provision against the Channel tunnel project.

Analysts believe that the Costain housing business, with an estimated 2,000 sites, could fetch around £20 million.

U-turn on pensions possible

BY LIZ DOLAN

THE government appears to be considering a U-turn on proposals for the indexation of payments from company pensions. Ann Widdecombe, under-secretary of state for social security, said that her department was now prepared to listen to further representations from employers on this subject and implied that this could lead to the scaling down of indexation requirements.

Legislation passed in 1990 proposed that pensions should be linked to the annual rate of inflation to an upper limit of 5 per cent. But the Confederation of British Industry this week made it clear that employers were unhappy with the proposal.

Speaking at the annual conference of the National Association of Pension Funds, Miss Widdecombe said she could not rule out the possibility of a rethink. "We are looking at the figures and listening to the expressions of concern," she said.

Miss Widdecombe also hinted at further delays in the vexed question of equalisation of retirement ages. She said that the government was still unable to make a decision on equalisation, despite a recommendation last week by the advocate-general of the European Court that equal treatment between men and women in occupational pension schemes should apply only to pensions earned by service since May 17, 1990. Miss Widdecombe said: "All proposed changes to pension law will involve major legislation. The question is how best to fit them all into the legislative timetable. Do we pass one mega-bill, or several? If so, what goes into which bill? We've got to get it right."

Ron Amy, the NAPF chairman, criticised the government for dragging its feet over equalisation of retirement ages, now thought likely to be fixed at 65. He also expressed concern at falls in state pension provision. He predicted that state pensions would fall from 17 per cent of average earnings to single figures within a few years. One had to question whether the government had any long-term aim to stay with state-regulated pensions at all, Mr Amy said.

THE TIMES
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The Times and Jameson Whiskey are offering readers the opportunity to taste and compare Irish whiskeys on May 17 and June 28. The tasting will be followed by a four course dinner with coffee and wine and a Jameson for just £35 a head at Mulligans Restaurant, Cork Street in Mayfair. Mulligans is the only Irish restaurant in Mayfair. John Ryan of Irish Distillers will lead the tutored tasting at 7.30pm and an Irish fiddler will play the occasional jig.

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BUSINESS PROFILE: **Peter Wood**

Driven man who worked a car insurance miracle

Now the founder of Direct Line plans an assault on the travel business, says **Patricia Tehan**


ALAN WELLER

Strength of will: Wood uses his talent for argument in dealing with fellow directors; there is no such thing as a no, he says, only a deferred yes

What is the secret of Peter Wood's success? Ask him and he is evasive. "There is no genius in this, you just need a PhD in common sense," he says.

Thanks to his gift of common sense, Mr Wood heads Britain's fastest-growing insurance company, Royal Bank of Scotland's Direct Line. After only eight years in the business, his telephone-based operation is poised to take the top slot from Norwich Union, the country's biggest motor insurer, later this year.

Profits from Direct Line contributed £15 million to the Royal Bank's £91.6 million interim figure, unveiled this week. George Mathewson, the bank's chief executive, expects it to contribute substantially more than 20 per cent of profits in future. Its success has also made Mr Wood Britain's highest-paid executive. Thanks to a performance-related bonus scheme that links Mr Wood's pay to business expansion, he received more than £6 million in 1992, and is on target for more than £10 million this year.

> 'We lead an ordinary life. No one who knows my family and me would think I was the highest-paid man in the country'

Mr Wood says that when he turned to the Royal Bank for funding in 1984, he was amazed that a clearing bank was prepared to put up the £20 million he needed.

In the early days, he says, the bank's directors used to describe Direct Line as "your company, Peter". These days, there are green eyes in the boardroom and they proudly refer to the insurer as "our company". With 1.1 million motor and house insurance customers, Direct Line now has more personal customers than its parent.

A very private man, who describes himself as "tediously boring", Mr Wood, 46, hates the publicity that goes with his pay package. He is not ostentatious. He lives a quiet life that revolves around work, his family and tennis. He lives in a modest house, south of London, and drives a BMW.

As a director of a publicly quoted company, Mr Wood's pay is open to public scrutiny and the inevitable tabloid criticism of his wealth that goes with it.

Frequent, ill-informed public discussion of his pay has made him understandably sensitive about the subject, though if he had kept his 25 per cent stake in the company, instead of selling it to the Royal Bank in 1988, he would be worth far more.

Mr Wood says his experience of running the management services subsidiary of Alexander Howden, the insurance broker, left him well qualified to start his own motor insurance company. He used to run the operations side of Howden's business, including computers, personnel and general administration. Here he "learnt what not to do" in running an insurance company, he says.

When the company was taken over by Alexander & Alexander, the American broker, a $55 million fraud was uncovered. After the litigation started, Mr Wood says, "there was not too much happening and I was bored stiff".

He and Roy Havilland, the co-founder of Direct Line, began to ponder ideas about setting up their own business. "I had a background in computers, I had seen how people run businesses. I wanted to run a business myself, but it had to be low ticket value and using computers."

With the germ of an idea, Mr Wood and Mr Havilland left Howden, taking 30 staff with them. At that stage, he says, his colleagues were not sure what he planned to do. They thought it might be a computer bureau. Instead, he approached banks and venture capitalists with plans to shake up Britain's motor insurance market. Mr Wood flew to Scotland for a meeting with the Royal Bank in May 1984, taking his "black book" business plan with him. He came away convinced that the bank would never be prepared to provide the necessary backing. "I did not expect a clearing bank to put money into motor insurance, where everybody was losing money."

He was wrong. "For some reason I still do not understand, they said yes." The bank's directors have been congratulating themselves ever since. They gave Mr Wood a year to set the company up, to obtain authorisation from the trade department to sell insurance, to find suitable non-executive directors, and to hire and train staff. "We were running round like headless chickens trying to get it ready," he says.

The company was launched on April 2, 1985, with 60 staff. "We felt April 1 would be pushing our luck," Mr Wood says. They threw a party in their new offices to celebrate. The company bought the building this year — it now represents less than 3 per cent of its total office space.

On one day last July, its turnover equalled that of its first year. Direct Line is now one of the largest employers in Croydon, Surrey. It has offices in Glasgow, Manchester and Birmingham and employs 1,450 staff.

"Any minute now", it will be the country's second biggest motor insurer and expects to oust Norwich Union from the leading position by the autumn, when it will have 1.3 million policyholders. The company is already planning its tenth anniversary party.

Although Mr Wood devised the Direct Line computer system which rates insurance risk — and avoids high-risk customers — he has never sold a policy. "I do not think I would last a day on the phone," he says. He is modest about his ability to dream up the new schemes that keep the Royal Bank happy. "I am unencumbered by too many brains, that slows people down because they think too much," he says.

He gets new ideas every time he receives bad service, he says. He cannot understand why so many hotels, airlines, retailers and other service providers treat their customers and suppliers so badly.

He is a driven man, but it is hard to say what drives him. "I like to be successful, I like to see a well-run company. I get great enjoyment in seeing people who have joined us get promoted and do well." Like anyone so focused, he does not suffer fools gladly and expects staff to be as motivated as he is.

When Mr Wood was at school, a teacher told him he "would make a good backbench lawyer, because I used to argue so much".

He often puts this talent to use in his dealings with fellow directors. When Charles Winter, the Royal Bank's former chief executive, would slam the telephone down in the middle of an argument over Mr Wood's plans for Direct Line, "I would ring him right back and say, was that a yes or a no?".

There is no such thing as a no, he says, only a deferred yes.

He insists that wealth has not changed him, and is determined that his five daughters will not be spoilt. "I could lavish money on them, but I want to let them have the enjoyment of being successful in their own right. So we make sure that we live a very ordinary life. We have nice holidays, but nobody who knows them and me would think that I was the highest-paid man in the country."

He says he is not a pushy father and his only ambition for his daughters is for them to be happy. "Not to smoke or take drugs. To be friends and to talk to me. I do not push them to do well. They push themselves, but that is more to do with peer group pressure."

Mr Wood's head is buzzing with new ideas, and he is a man with enough self-belief and determination to put them into action.

Direct Line is pushing deeper into the household insurance market. "We are already in the top ten," he says. "We want to be in the top five."

September will see the launch of personal loans and he says Direct Line will follow on with other products using the same telephone sales system. Life assurance firms should start to worry now. Direct Line is looking into life protection policies and "we do, in the longer-term, see the life industry as a major market".

Unsurprisingly, Mr Wood receives many offers from headhunters, though not as many now as he used to, he says. He plans to stay with the Royal Bank as long as Mr Mathewson is chief executive. Although they are not alike, the two work well together.

His contract has a poison pill if the bank is taken over. His permission is also required for any flotation of Direct Line, though Mr Mathewson said this week that a float "is not currently part of our plans".

Looking ahead, Mr Wood longs to go into the travel business, which, he says, has the same cost structure and overheads as motor insurance once had.

He has raised the idea with Mr Mathewson, who "thought I was crazy at first", but is, he says, beginning to come round. The operation would start as a minnow, Mr Wood points out. "They should not worry for several years."

Golden parachutes may oust golden handshakes as managers' farewell

After a week in which several former business high-flyers have been revealed as having walked away with severance payments that must make retirement an attractive prospect, it might seem curious to claim that the lavish golden handshake could be edging towards extinction.

But Ronnie Fox, a partner in Fox Williams and one of the Square Mile's handful of solicitors specialising in terms of employment, is convinced that in the changing business climate, more emphasis will be placed on pre-negotiation of severance terms, even before a new executive is through the door.

This will be coupled with a move towards higher salaries but shorter contractual terms, he says, partly prompted by the publicity that has been given to some of the more lavish pay-offs of recent years.

All this suggests an end to recent practice, whereby a three-year rolling contract is paid off in full, giving the ousted executive, in one case, more than four years' pay for barely one year's work. "This is moving towards the American model," Mr Fox says. "The US experience is, you hire and you fire, and while somebody is there you pay them well."

Hand-in-hand with this goes a concentration on "golden parachutes", those pre-nuptial agreements that lay down, before an executive joins, what the compensation will be should things go awry. But increasingly, the executive can expect to be offered significant incentives to join in the first place, a "success fee" along lines common in America, where the new head of IBM, for example, is on a $45 million package to pull the computer giant round.

> Britain is moving towards the American model on pay and severance terms for executives

"There's a desperate need for companies to find people who can generate profits, preserve jobs and build a business," Mr Fox says. "At the top of British industry, companies are prepared to pay relatively large amounts."

He believes a "sea change" is taking place and that many executives are losing jobs not because of poor performance but because market requirements have changed.

The rash of executive pay-offs in recent years, Mr Fox believes, reflects the switch in corporate culture that has seen the entrepreneur give way to the cautious accountant who can steer the business through the recession, cutting back hard on staff where necessary. At the same time, given that the politics of envy remain a feature of British life and colour how companies are viewed from the outside, boards are keen not to be seen to reward their executives too well. Recent weeks have seen several well-known companies go to some lengths to deny their shareholders the right to view directors' contracts of employment.

Mr Fox says that of the situations where he or other third parties are brought into negotiations on severance terms, only about one in 20 has to be settled in the courts. "In this country, it's very, very expensive to enforce your legal rights," he says. "I think we will see people trying harder and harder to avoid the courts and industrial tribunals at senior levels."

Some legal observers believe tribunals have ruled themselves out because they have become infested with the very lawyers many were set up to keep out. Tribunals are certainly unsuitable as the court of last judgment for ousted senior executives, because of the strict limits on the amounts they can recommend in settlement.

As a lawyer specialising in terms of employment termination — he wrote the standard text on the subject, now in its third edition — Mr Fox clearly has a vested interest in encouraging both company and ousted executive to seek legal advice.

But he adds: "The emotions that occur when they come together and when they part are analogous to those when people divorce. It's one reason why both sides prefer to have the matter dealt with by third parties, by solicitors."

Negotiations are not always over money alone. Companies may be keen to prevent departing employees from setting up on their own or defecting to the opposition, and employees may have their own agendas.

"I used to think the company wanted to pay as little as possible and the individual wanted to get as much as possible," Mr Fox says. "But they may be acting with different motives.

"The senior executive may want a reference, a graceful retirement, or simply to be released from a covenant entered into. One executive, more than anything else, wanted a trip around the world with his wife to say goodbye to the colleagues he had worked with for 15 years. That was more important to him than getting the last pound."

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Emergency exits: Ronnie Fox thinks money is not always the most important thing

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STOCK MARKET

Investors get a taste for UB

UNITED Biscuits was in the limelight again, with investors nibbling at the shares as City whispers persisted about a possible bid from **Cadbury Schweppes**.

Dealers said that talk in the Square Mile suggested that an offer of 504p a share was imminent, although there had been earlier rumours that a bid would be launched in the afternoon at 540p. That failed to materialise.

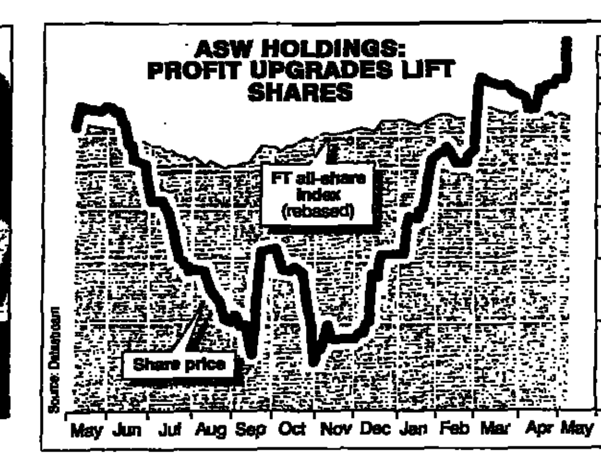
A spokesman for **United Biscuits** had no comment on the market stories, while no one was available for comment at Cadbury, which was moving office yesterday.

Seasoned traders had their doubts about the stories. Tim Potter of Smith New Court said: "The market is looking for a bid, but we would take a cautious view of the stories." There are potential synergies and Cadbury has previously expressed an interest in expanding its confectionery side, although UB recently sold its Terry's chocolate business to Philip Morris's Kraft subsidiary and there may also be monopoly problems.

UB shares closed 8p higher at 429p, after touching 432p, on volume of 5.8 million shares, while Cadbury fell 10p to 447p, on volume of 2.8 million. Others named as possible bidders for UB included Campbells, Hershey and RJR Nabisco as well as **Hanson**, an old favourite, up 1½p to 231½p.



Cox: shares boosted



The bid talk provided cause for a late rally, helping the equity market reverse early losses. Cautious trading at the end of the account had seen shares easier for most of the day as the City digested the implications of the Conservatives' election defeats. But there was no panic since the results had largely been anticipated, with dealers marking prices down and most investors content to stay on the sidelines.

Senior traders said sentiment was supported by hopes that the Conservatives' poor showing might prompt an earlier than expected cut in base rates, helping to speed up what is perceived in the City as a "slow recovery".

But conditions were fragile, with an uncertain start to trading on Wall Street and continued nervousness that the American recovery may be faltering and that a similar situation could develop in the UK. The rally was also driven by technical position-switching and futures-related activity. The FT-SE 100 index reversed a one-time 14.1 point deficit to close 7.4 higher at 2,793.7, giving a 30.7 point loss over the three week account. Volume reached 614.6 million.

Bid speculation also lifted **Hepworth**, up 13p to 373p, while **Redland** gained 17p to 492p after upgrades.

Shares in **ASW Holdings**, of which Alan Cox is chief executive, jumped 28p to 217p after two brokers, including one considered among the most bearish on the steel industry, increased their profit forecasts. Smith New Court, after a meeting with ASW on Thursday, raised its pre-tax profits forecast for 1993 from £6 million to £14 million, with 1994's estimate increased from £13 million to £22 million.

Credit Lyonnais Laing was understood to have lifted its 1993 estimate from £10 million to £15 million, with 1994's forecast raised £10 million to £30 million. **British Steel**, a 20 per cent shareholder in ASW, rose 3p to 95p.

Investors in **Pittencrieff**, the oil company, took fright after it gave a warning that profits for 1992, due to be unveiled next week, would be below expectations. Confirmation that the final dividend would be at least 4p per share failed to prevent the shares from diving 69p to 305p.

A variety of agm statements brought mixed movements, with **P&O** off 3p to 549p and **IMI** 10p easier at 281p, but **Hickson** gained 6p to 236p.

PHILIP PANGALOS

BRITISH FUNDS

GOVERNMENT securities were firmer in spite of the Conservatives' poor showing in the election results, with gains of about £¼ for shorter dated securities and £⅛ at the very long end.

The long gilt future tested the £103½ support level, but a small rally, prompted by end of account book-squaring, helped it finish nine ticks higher at £103³¹/₃₂.

The gilt market gave little response as the government unexpectedly decided to again tap the market. The tranchette of £350 million of Treasury 8 per cent 2003 and £250 million of Treasury stock 8¾ per cent 2017. Dealers said the market is likely to react on Monday, when the stock can be dealt in.

Among stocks, Exchequer 9¾ per cent 1998 added eight ticks to £109¹⁸/₃₂, while Treasury 9 per cent 2012 climbed five ticks to £104.

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gro red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)						
103⅛	101¼	Treas 12½% 1993	101¼	-⅛	12.35	5.65
100¼	99⅞	Fund 6% 1993	100	...	6.00	5.88
106⅛	104⅛	Treas 13¼% 1993	104⅛	...	13.19	5.73
102⅞	101¼	Treas 8¼% 1994	101¼	...	8.34	5.76
109⅛	106⅜	Treas 14½% 1994	106⅜	...	13.58	5.76
109⅛	107⅛	Exch 13½% 1994	107⅛	...	12.61	5.82
105⅞	104⅛	Treas 10% 1994	104⅛	...	9.60	5.93
110⅛	107⅞	Exch 12½% 1994	107⅞	+⅛	11.60	6.08
105⅞	103⅞	Treas 9% 1994	104	+⅛	8.65	6.14
111⅞	108⅛	Treas 12% 1995	109⅛	+⅛	11.00	6.28
96⅛	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	95⅛	...	3.13	5.36
109⅛	107⅛	Exch 10¼% 1995	107⅞	+⅛	9.52	6.44
116⅛	113¼	Treas 12¾% 1995	113⅞	+⅛	11.19	6.60
120⅛	117⅛	Treas 14% 1996	117⅞	+⅛	11.92	6.81
125⅛	121⅞	Treas 15¼% 1996	121⅞	+⅛	12.50	6.93
120⅛	116⅛	Exch 13¼% 1996	116⅛	+⅛	11.34	6.93
111⅛	108⅛	Conv 10% 1996	109⅛	+⅛	9.15	6.94
122⅛	118⅞	Treas 13¼% 1997	119⅛	+⅛	11.11	7.19
113⅛	110⅞	Exch 10½% 1997	110⅞	+⅛	9.46	7.13
108⅞	105⅛	Treas 8¾% 1997	105⅛	+⅛	8.26	7.12
132⅛	128⅛	Exch 15% 1997	128⅛	+⅛	11.69	7.40
112⅛	109⅛	Exch 9¾% 1998	109⅛	+⅛	8.90	7.30
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)						
103⅛	99⅞	Treas 7¼% 1998	100⅛	+⅛	7.21	7.10
101	97⅞	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	98⅛	+⅛	6.84	7.06
138⅛	133⅞	Treas 15½% 1998	134⅛	+⅛	11.56	7.64
122⅛	118⅛	Exch 12% 1998	118⅛	+⅛	10.11	7.74
112⅛	108⅛	Treas 9½% 1999	108⅞	+⅛	8.74	7.57
124⅞	120⅛	Exch 12¼% 1999	120⅞	+⅛	10.17	7.83
117⅞	112⅞	Treas 10½% 1999	113⅛	+⅛	9.27	7.69
117⅞	112⅛	Conv 10¼% 1999	112⅞	+⅛	9.09	7.72
110⅞	106	Conv 9% 2000	106⅞	+⅛	8.42	7.66
131	125⅛	Treas 13% 2000	126⅛	+⅛	10.29	8.08
115⅞	109⅞	Treas 10% 2001	111⅛	+⅛	8.98	7.99
129⅛	125⅛	Treas 14% 1998-01	125⅞	+⅛	11.16	7.77
114⅞	108⅛	Treas 9¾% 2002	110⅛	+⅛	8.83	8.13
103⅞	97⅞	Treas 8% 2003	99⅞	+⅛	8.04	8.07
116⅛	109⅛	Treas 10% 2003	111⅞	+⅛	8.95	8.26
122⅞	116⅛	Treas 11½% 2001-04	118⅞	+⅛	9.72	8.27
74⅞	67⅞	Fund 3½% 1999-04	69⅞	+⅛	5.00	7.51
112⅛	105⅛	Conv 9½% 2004	108⅛	+⅛	8.78	8.36
112⅞	105⅛	Conv 9½% 2005	108⅛	+⅛	8.78	8.38
131⅛	124⅛	Treas 12½% 2003-05	126⅛	+⅛	9.87	8.59
101⅞	94⅞	Treas 8% 2002-06	97⅞	+⅛	8.17	8.30
125⅞	118⅞	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	120⅞	+⅛	9.73	8.55
104⅛	97⅛	Treas 8½% 2007	100⅛	+⅛	8.46	8.43
139⅛	131⅛	Treas 13½% 2004-08	134	+⅛	10.07	8.60
LONGS (over 15 years)						
108⅞	101⅛	Treas 9% 2008	104⅛	+⅛	8.61	8.46
99⅛	92⅞	Treas 8% 2009	95⅛	+⅛	8.36	8.50
108⅛	100⅛	Conv 9% 2011	103⅞	+⅛	8.66	8.56
108⅛	100⅞	Treas 9% 2012	103⅞	+⅛	8.66	8.57
76⅞	70⅛	Treas 5½% 2008-12	73⅛	+⅛	7.50	8.27
97⅞	89⅛	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	92⅞	+⅛	8.38	8.51
135⅞	125⅞	Exch 12% 2013-17	130⅛	+⅛	9.21	8.79
105⅞	97⅛	Treas 8¾% 2017	101⅛	+⅛	8.64	8.62
UNDATED						
48⅛	43⅛	Consols 4%	46⅛	...	8.66	...
42⅛	38⅛	War Ln 3½%	40⅛	+⅛	8.64	...
63	60⅛	Conv 3½%	62⅛	+⅛	5.63	...
31⅛	28⅛	Consols 2½%	30⅛	-⅛	8.32	...
30⅛	27⅞	Treas 2½%	28⅛	-⅛	8.70	...
INDEX-LINKED						
133⅛	131⅛	Treas IL 2% 1994	133	+⅛	...	1.25
197⅛	194⅞	Treas IL 2% 1996	195⅛	+⅛	1.94	2.69
109⅞	105⅞	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	107⅛	+⅛	2.47	3.04
166⅛	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	164⅛	+⅛	2.86	3.20
163⅞	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	161⅞	+⅛	2.99	3.27
111⅞	105⅛	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	109⅛	+⅛	3.12	3.40
170⅞	159⅛	Treas IL 2% 2006	167⅛	+⅛	3.12	3.34
154⅛	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	150⅞	+⅛	3.33	3.52
159⅛	148⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2011	155⅞	+⅛	3.39	3.57
131⅛	122⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2013	127⅞	+⅛	3.47	3.63
139⅞	130⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2016	135⅞	+⅛	3.53	3.68
133⅞	124⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2020	130⅞	+⅛	3.58	3.71
111⅛	102⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2024	107⅞	+⅛	3.61	3.73
111⅞	103⅛	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	107⅛	+⅛	3.63	3.75

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Severfield Reeve n/p (32)	7	...
Sycamore n/p (5)	¾	...
UK Safety n/p (47)	8	...

WALL STREET

Dow mixed in early trading

New York — Wall Street stocks were mixed in early trading. The Dow Jones industrial average was slightly higher but in a tight range as worries about the American economy and Bosnia swayed trading before the weekend. Larry Wachtel, an analyst with Prudential Securities, said: "It's a market that has had a good run for eight days and is winded on a broad basis." The Dow was up 1.11 points to 3,443.01. Declining shares led advancing issues by nine to eight. Gerald Simmons, head of institutional trading at Interstate/Johnson Lane, said: "The market is a mixed bag with no sustainable leadership." However, Philip Morris rose after an announcement that RJR Nabisco was cancelling promotion of its Monarch brand, signalling an easing in the cigarette price war. *(Reuter)*

Nikkei closes firmer

Tokyo — Shares ended firmer in see-saw trading, with the Nikkei average closing at the day's high. Profit-taking was seen as the dollar fluctuated earlier below Y110. But underlying bullishness prompted buying of select issues, brokers said. The Nikkei was up 189.33 points, or 0.92 per cent, to 20,811.36.

☐ **Hong Kong** — Shares closed a fraction higher after trading within a tiny range, brokers said. The Hang Seng index edged up 2.82 points to close at 6,798.34.

☐ **Singapore** — Prices finished easier led by profit-taking in selected bank and shipyard shares. The Straits Times industrial index fell 5.38 points from Wednesday to close at 1,774.82. Thursday was a market holiday.

☐ **Sydney** — Shares drifted down at the close after being driven higher for two days by strong interest in banks and gold stocks. The all-ordinaries Index closed down 6.6 points, at 1,685.3.

☐ **Frankfurt** — The Dax index ended 11.34 points lower at 1,611.92. *(Reuter)*

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Reuters	1267p (+9p)
Commercial Union	581p (+13p)
General Accident	575p (+20p)
RMC Group	685p (+13p)
Redland	492p (+17p)

FALLS:

Hartstone	88p (-11p)
Siebe	452p (-11p)
Takeda Chem	776p (-11p)
Compass Group	517p (-12p)
EMAP	362p (-10p)
Barbour Index	235p (-10p)
ICI	1243p (-16p)
Betterware	262p (-10p)

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	May 7 midday	May 6 close
AMP Inc	63¼	63
AMR Corp	67¾	68¼
Abbott Labs	28⅛	27¾
Aetna Life	52¾	52½
Ahmanson (HF)	17⅛	17⅛
Air Prod & Chem	43⅛	43⅛
Albertson's	56⅛	56⅛
Alcan Aluminm	18⅛	18⅛
Alco Standard	47⅛	48⅛
Allied Signal	63⅞	64⅛
Alum Co of Am	64	64⅛
Amax	16⅞	16⅞
Amerada Hess	54⅛	54⅛
Amer Brands	32⅛	31⅞
Amer Cyanamid	52⅛	53
Amer El Power	35⅛	36⅛
Amer Express	27⅛	28⅛
Amer Genl Corp	28⅛	28⅛
Amer Home Pr	66	67⅛
Amer Intl	130⅛	132
Amer Stores	43⅛	42⅛
Amer T & T	56⅛	56⅛
Ameritech	74⅛	74⅛
Amoco	54⅛	54⅛
Anheuser-Busch	50	48⅛
Apple Computer	54	53⅛
Archer Daniels	23⅛	23⅛
Arkla	10⅛	10
Armco	7	7
Armstrng Wrld	31⅛	31⅛
Asarco	18⅛	19⅛
Ashland Oil	25⅛	25⅛
Atl Richfield	125	125
Auto Data Pro	49⅛	49⅛
Avery Dennison	30⅛	30⅛
Avon Products	55⅛	55⅛
Baker Hughes	27	26⅛
Baltim Gas & El	25⅛	25⅛
Banc One	53⅛	54⅛
BankAmerica	47	46⅛
Bank of NY	52⅛	52⅛
Bankers Tr NY	70	70⅛
Barnett Banks	42⅛	42⅛
Bausch & Lomb	52⅛	52⅛
Baxter Intl	29⅛	29⅛
Bectn Dicknsn	35⅛	36⅛
Bell Atlantic	52⅛	52⅛
BellSouth	51⅛	51⅛
Black & Decker	18⅛	18⅛
Block (H&R)	34⅛	34⅛
Boeing	38⅛	39⅛
Boise Cascade	25⅛	26⅛
Borden Inc	20⅛	21⅛
Bristol Myrs Sq	60⅛	60⅛
Browning Ferris	25⅛	25⅛
Burlington Nthn	55	55⅛
CBS	241⅛	240⅛
CNA Financial	96⅛	96⅛
CPC Intl	44⅛	44⅛
CSX	73⅛	72⅛
Campbell Soup	40⅛	39⅛
Can Pacific	15⅛	16
Cpl Cities ABC	529	527⅛
Cpl Holdings	39⅛	39⅛
Carolina Pwr	33⅛	33⅛
Caterpillar	68	68⅛
Central & SW	32⅛	32
Champion Intl	33⅛	33⅛
Chase Manhat	30⅛	30⅛
Chemical Bk	38	37⅛
Chevron Corp	86⅛	86⅛
Chrysler	42⅛	42⅛
Chubb Corp	91	90⅛
Cigna Corp	61½	61½
Citicorp	27⅛	27⅛
Clorox	48⅛	48⅛
Coastal Corp	26⅛	26⅛
Coca Cola	38⅛	38⅛
Colgate-Palmolive	60⅛	60⅛
Columbia Gas	22⅛	22
Commonw Ed	28⅛	28
Compaq Comp	50⅛	49⅛
Comp Ass Intl	26⅛	25⅛
Conagra	29⅛	29⅛
Cons Edison	35⅛	35⅛
Cons Nat Gas	52⅛	53
Cons Rail	53	52⅛
Cooper Inds	47	47⅛
Corning Inc	35⅛	35⅛
Crown Cork	38⅛	38⅛
Dana Corp	50⅛	49⅛
Dayton Hudson	70⅛	70
Deere	57	58
Delta Air Lines	57⅛	58⅛
Deluxe Corp	45⅛	45⅛
Detroit Edison	35⅛	35⅛
Digital Equip	46⅛	45⅛
Dillard Dept St	40⅛	39⅛
Disney (Walt)	39	38⅛
Dominion Res	44⅛	44⅛
Donnelley (RR)	27⅛	27
Dover Corp	47⅛	47⅛
Dow Chemicals	54⅛	54⅛
Dow Jones	31	31
Dresser	20⅛	20⅛
Duke Power	39⅛	39⅛
Dun & Bradstreet	59⅛	59
Du Pont	52⅛	52⅛
Eastman Kodak	49⅛	48⅛
Eaton Corp	88	88⅛

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Emerson Elec	58⅛	58⅛
Engelhard Corp	32⅛	31⅛
Enron Corp	59⅛	59⅛
Enserch Corp	34⅛	34⅛
Ethyl Corp	28⅛	28⅛
Exxon	64⅛	65⅛
FMC Corp	44⅛	44⅛
FPL Group	38⅛	38⅛
Federal Express	48⅛	49
Fed Nat Mrtge	76⅛	78⅛
First Chicago	38⅛	38⅛
First Interstate	54⅛	54⅛
First Union Rlty	11⅛	11⅛
Fleet Finl Grp	30⅛	31
Fluor Corp	38⅛	38⅛
Ford Motor	55⅛	55⅛
GTE Corp	36	35⅛
Gannett	52⅛	52⅛
Gap Inc Del	33⅛	32⅛
Gen Cinema	35⅛	35⅛
Gen Dynamics	96	95⅛
Gen Electric	94⅛	93⅛
Gen Mills	67	67⅛
Gen Motors	40	40⅛
Gen Reinsurance	116⅛	118
Gen Signal	63⅛	63⅛
Genuine Parts	36	36⅛
Georgia Pac	64⅛	65⅛
Gillette	52⅛	52⅛
Glaxo ADR	18⅛	18⅛
Goodrich (BF)	45⅛	45⅛
Goodyear Tire	37⅛	37⅛
Grace (WR)	39⅛	39⅛
Gt Atl Pac Tea	29⅛	28⅛
Great Wstn Fin	16⅛	16⅛
Halliburton	38⅛	39⅛
Heinz (HJ)	38⅛	37⅛
Hercules	73⅛	74
Hershey Foods	53⅛	53⅛
Hewlett Packard	77⅛	77⅛
Hilton Hotels	44⅛	45
Home Depot	43⅛	43⅛
Homestake Mng	16⅛	16⅛
Honeywell	35	35⅛
Household Intl	69⅛	68⅛
Houston Inds	47⅛	47⅛
Humana	10	9⅛
ITT Corp	82⅛	82⅛
Illinois Tool	70⅛	69⅛
INCO	22⅛	22⅛
Ingersoll Rand	33	32⅛
Inland Steel	23⅛	23⅛
Intel Corp	102⅛	101⅛
IBM	48	48⅛
Intl Flav & Fr	115⅛	114⅛
Intl Paper	65⅛	65
James River Va	20⅛	20⅛
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	43⅛	43⅛
K Mart	23⅛	23⅛
Kellogg	59⅛	59
Kerr-McGee	51⅛	52
Kimberly-Clark	49	49⅛
Knight-Ridder	56⅛	56⅛
Lilly (Eli)	51⅛	51⅛
Limited Inc	22⅛	22⅛
LIN Brdcstng	88	87⅛
Lincoln Nat	79	79
Litton	60	60⅛
Liz Claiborne	35⅛	35
Lockheed Corp	64	64⅛
Louisiana Pac	62⅛	61⅛
MCI Commun	48⅛	48⅛
Marriott	24⅛	24⅛
Marsh & McLnn	91	91⅛
Masco Corp	32⅛	32⅛
May Dept St	74⅛	73⅛
Maytag Corp	14	13⅛
McCaw Cellular	40⅛	40
McDonalds	49⅛	48⅛
McDonnell D	63⅛	64⅛
McGraw Hill	59⅛	59⅛
Mead Corp	44⅛	45
Medtronic	67⅛	67⅛
Mellon Bk	55⅛	54⅛
Melville Corp	45⅛	46
Merck Inc	37⅛	37⅛
Merrill Lynch	70⅛	70⅛
Minnesota Mine	114	114⅛
Mobil Corp	70⅛	70⅛
Monsanto	52⅛	53
Morgan (JP)	67⅛	67⅛
Motorola Inc	76⅛	76⅛
Natl Medical	8⅛	8⅛
Natl Semi	14⅛	14⅛
Natl Service Ind	26⅛	26⅛
Navistar Int	2⅛	2⅛
NBD Bancorp	31⅛	31⅛
NY Times A	28⅛	28⅛
Newmont Mng	49⅛	49⅛
Niag Mohawk	22⅛	22⅛
Nike B	69⅛	69⅛
NL Industries	4	4⅛
Nordstrom	31⅛	31⅛
Norfolk Sthrn	61⅛	61
Nthn State Pwr	45⅛	45⅛
Norwest Corp	50⅛	50⅛
Nynex Corp	83⅛	83⅛
Occidental Pet	22⅛	22⅛
Ohio Edison	24⅛	24⅛
Oracle Systems	39⅛	38⅛

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Oryx Energy Co	22⅛	22⅛
Owens Corning	39⅛	39
PNC Financial	31⅛	31⅛
PPG Industries	73⅛	73⅛
Paccar Inc	58⅛	58⅛
Pacificorp	18⅛	18
Pac Enterprises	23⅛	23⅛
Pac Gas & Elect	32⅛	32⅛
Pac Telesis	45⅛	46⅛
Pall Corp	19⅛	20⅛
Panhandle East	21⅛	21⅛
Paramnt Comm	51⅛	51⅛
Parker Hannifin	30⅛	30⅛
Penney (JC)	43⅛	43⅛
Pennzoil	63⅛	65⅛
Pepsico	37⅛	37⅛
Pfizer	69⅛	69⅛
Phelps Dodge	42⅛	44
Philadel Elec	29⅛	29⅛
Philip Morris	51⅛	49
Phillips Pet	29⅛	29⅛
Pitney Bowes	41⅛	41⅛
Polaroid	34⅛	34
Price Co	29	28⅛
Primerica	44⅛	45
Procter & Gmbl	49⅛	48
Pub Serv E & G	34⅛	34⅛
Quaker Oats	68⅛	67⅛
Ralston Purina	49⅛	49⅛
Raychem Corp	42⅛	42⅛
Raytheon	57⅛	57⅛
Reebok Intl	37⅛	37⅛
Reynolds Metals	43⅛	43⅛
Roadway Srvcs	59⅛	58⅛
Rockwell Intl	32⅛	32⅛
Rohm & Haas	54⅛	54⅛
Royal Dutch	89⅛	90⅛
Rubbermaid	31⅛	31⅛
Safeco Corp	57⅛	56⅛
St Paul's Cos	81⅛	81⅛
Salomon Inc	36⅛	35⅛
Santa Fe S Pac	15⅛	15⅛
Sara Lee Corp	25⅛	25⅛
Scecorp	48⅛	48⅛
Schering Plough	66⅛	66⅛
Schlumberger	64⅛	63⅛
Scott Paper	38⅛	38⅛
Seagram	29⅛	28⅛
Sears Roebuck	53⅛	53⅛
Shell Trans	54	54
Sherwin Wlms	31⅛	31⅛
Skyline Corp	19⅛	19⅛
Snap-On-Tools	35⅛	36⅛
Southern Co	42	41⅛
Sthwestern Bell	75⅛	75⅛
Sprint Corp	31⅛	31⅛
Stanley Works	46	46⅛
Sun Company	24⅛	24⅛
Suntrust	45⅛	45
Supervalu	32	32
Syntex Corp	19⅛	19⅛
Sysco Corp	25	25
TRW Inc	61⅛	62⅛
Tandem Comp	11	11⅛
Tandy Corp	30⅛	33⅛
Telecom Corp	2⅛	2⅛
Teledyne	18⅛	18⅛
Temple Inland	44⅛	44⅛
Tenneco	48⅛	48⅛
Texaco	64	64⅛
Texas Inst	61	61
Texas Utilities	46⅛	47
Textron	48⅛	47⅛
Time Warner	33⅛	33⅛
Times-Mirror	31⅛	31
Timken	31⅛	31⅛
Torchmark	55⅛	56⅛
Toys R Us	37⅛	37⅛
Transamerica	48⅛	48⅛
Travelers Corp	27⅛	28⅛
Tribune	54⅛	54⅛
Tyco Labs	42⅛	42⅛
UAL Corp	134⅛	136
UST Inc	30⅛	30⅛
USX Marathon	19⅛	19⅛
Unilever NV	112⅛	112⅛
Union Camp	44⅛	44⅛
Union Carbide	19⅛	19⅛
Union Pacific	62⅛	61
Unisys Corp	12	12
USAIR Group	21⅛	21⅛
USF&G Corp	17⅛	17⅛
US Life	37⅛	37⅛
US West	41⅛	41⅛
United Tech	51⅛	51⅛
Unocal Corp	31⅛	32
Upjohn	30⅛	30⅛
VF Corp	48⅛	48⅛
Wal-Mart Stores	26⅛	26⅛
Warner-Lambert	72⅛	72⅛
Waste Mgmnt Inc	32	32⅛
Wells Fargo	106⅛	106⅛
Westinghouse El	15⅛	15⅛
Weyerhaeuser	43⅛	42⅛
Whirlpool	54	53⅛
Whitman	13⅛	13⅛
Winn Dixie	54⅛	55
Woolworth	29⅛	29⅛
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	33	33⅛
Xerox	74⅛	74⅛

UNIT-LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
AEGON LIFE ASSURANCE Aegon House, Lanark Square, London E14 9XS 071 538 8888				
Series Mngd Fd	379.50	401.60	-1.00	...
Series Equity	476.10	503.90	-5.20	...
Series Prop Fd	390.00	412.70	+0.30	...
Series Fixed Int	304.20	322.00	...	...
Series Money Fd	238.70	252.60	+0.20	...
Series Oseas Fd	286.10	302.80	+4.70	...
AETNA LIFE INSURANCE 2-12 Pentonville Road, London N1 9XD 0800 010575				
Life Funds				
Squirrel	17.10	18.00	+0.01	...
Bear	17.58	18.51	...	...
Owl	17.22	18.18	...	...
Bull	15.60	16.43	+0.10	...
Stag	16.49	17.36	-0.02	...
Gilt Edged	17.38	17.38	+0.03	...
Deposit	15.09	15.09	+0.01	...
Pensions				
Squirrel	22.69	23.89	+0.03	...
Bear	23.23	24.46	+0.01	...
Owl	22.67	23.87	...	...
Bull	19.39	20.42	+0.14	...
Stag	19.90	20.95	+0.09	...
Gilt Edged	21.22	21.22	+0.05	...
Deposit	19.05	19.05	+0.02	...
Pre 1982 Series				
3-Way Fund	505.84	505.85	+3.36	...
1982 Series				
UK Equity	304.19	320.21	+1.91	...
N Amer Equity	266.09	280.10	+7.74	...
Far East Equity	350.83	369.30	+4.33	...
Fixed	271.69	285.99	+0.50	...
Cash Deposit	193.99	204.21	+0.17	...
Property	104.12	109.61	+1.47	...
Special Opp	323.70	340.74	-14.02	...
Managed	264.57	278.50	+1.11	...
Index-Linked Fd	182.85	192.48	-0.26	...
ABBEY LIFE Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0202 292373				
Property Fd Inc	248.80	261.90	...	...
-do- Acc	437.80	460.90	-0.10	...
Equity Fd Inc	152.50	160.60	-1.30	...
-do- Acc	192.70	202.90	-1.80	...
Selective Fd	430.10	452.80	-1.70	...
Money Fd	355.30	374.00	+0.30	...
Prop Fd Ser 4	341.80	359.80	...	...
Equity Ser 4	190.30	200.30	-1.40	...
Man Ser 4	580.40	611.00	-0.20	...
Conv Ser 4	311.60	328.10	+0.30	...
Money Ser 4	311.40	327.80	+0.30	...
Fixed Int Ser 4	318.60	335.40	+0.40	...
American Ser 4	448.50	472.20	+3.60	...
High Inc Ser 4	581.50	612.20	-0.40	...
Indexed Inv Ser 4	194.90	205.20	-0.40	...
Japan Ser 4	344.20	362.40	+1.30	...
ALBANY LIFE 3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ 0707 42311				
Equity Fd Acc	1365.7	1437.5	-12.10	...
European Fd Acc	296.30	311.90	+1.40	...
Fixed Int Acc	480.60	505.90	+0.90	...
Gtd Money Acc	317.50	334.10	+0.20	...
Intl Managed Acc	509.00	535.80	-1.00	...
Int Fxd Int Acc	308.80	325.00	-0.40	...
Japan Fund	272.10	286.30	+1.20	...
N American Acc	287.20	302.30	+1.60	...
Prop Fd Acc	364.30	383.50	-1.50	...
Multiple Inv Acc	910.50	958.30	-4.80	...
ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE Swindon SN1 1EL 0793 514514				
Fxd Int Dep Acc	353.90	372.60	...	...
Equity Acc	1198.6	1261.7	-7.70	...
Property Acc	467.90	492.60	+0.20	...
Far East Acc	247.50	260.60	-1.90	...
Managed Capital	468.50	493.20	-3.80	...
-do- Acc	926.30	975.10	-5.30	...
Overseas Acc	811.20	853.90	-10.00	...
Gilt Edged Acc	429.20	451.80	+0.20	...
Amer Equity Acc	671.80	707.20	+3.60	...
Amer Man Acc	289.10	304.40	+0.20	...
Amer Prop Acc	110.80	116.70	...	...
AXA EQUITY & LAW LIFE ASSURANCE Amersham Road, High Wycombe, Bucks 0494 463463				
Reserve Ser 5	135.00	142.10	+0.20	...
Balced Ser 5	607.80	639.70	-1.40	...
Opportunity Ser 5	133.30	140.30	+0.70	...
UK Equities Ser 5	829.60	873.20	-4.90	...
Higher Inc Ser 5	871.80	917.60	-7.90	...
North Amer Ser 5	405.40	426.70	+10.30	...
Far East Ser 5	469.00	493.60	-3.40	...
Europe Ser 5	295.20	310.70	+2.20	...
Intnl Ser 5	483.00	508.40	+3.80	...
Property Ser 5	461.90	486.20	+0.40	...
Fixed Int Ser 5	384.10	404.30	+0.70	...
Ind-Lnkd Sec S5	170.90	179.80	-0.10	...
Gteed Dep Ser 5	281.20	295.90	+0.30	...
BARCLAYS LIFE 252 Romford Road, London E7 9JB 081 534 5544				
Equity Acc	723.20	761.30	-3.20	...
-do- Initial	505.10	531.70	-2.10	...
Gilt Edged Acc	355.90	374.70	+0.40	...
-do- Initial	250.80	264.00	+0.30	...
International Acc	343.20	361.30	+0.10	...
-do- Initial	240.20	252.90	+0.10	...
Managed Acc	453.60	477.50	-1.00	...
-do- Initial	318.00	334.80	-0.70	...
Money Acc	276.70	291.30	+0.30	...
Property Acc	251.90	265.20	+0.40	...
-do- Initial	175.40	184.70	+0.10	...
America Acc	258.20	271.80	+1.80	...
Australia Acc	171.00	180.00	-2.50	...
Financial Acc	261.60	275.40	-3.60	...
500 Accum	389.00	409.50	-0.40	...
Japan Genl Acc	340.80	358.80	-0.50	...
Income Acc	452.30	476.20	-1.80	...
Leisure Acc	189.80	199.80	-1.90	...
Special Sits Acc	193.80	204.00	-2.00	...
Univ Tech Acc	127.10	133.80	+0.40	...
BLACK HORSE LIFE Mountbatten House, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834000				
The Managed Fd	696.51	696.51	+3.59	...
Income Fund	661.58	696.40	+2.49	...
Extra Income	604.34	636.15	-0.62	...
Worldwide Gth	424.51	446.86	+3.58	...
Balanced Fund	575.84	606.15	+0.58	...
Smllr Cos Recov	600.84	632.47	+0.44	...
N Amer & Genrl	339.10	356.95	+10.47	...
Pacific Basin	338.97	356.82	+0.30	...
German Growth	189.61	199.59	+1.84	...
Japan Growth	159.50	167.90	+5.07	...
The UK Gth Fd	182.34	191.94	...	...
Contl Euro Gth	103.05	108.48	-0.90	...
Property Fund	339.20	357.06	+0.31	...
Fixed Interest	283.58	298.51	-0.79	...
Cash Fund	269.44	283.63	+0.18	...
Managed Inv	426.20	448.64	+2.27	...
Nth Amer Recov	222.33	234.04	+5.17	...
Abtrust Fund				
Managed Gth	387.60	408.00	+2.57	...
BRITANNIA LIFE ASSURANCE PO Box 37, Greenock, Renfrewshire 0475 888000				
Measured Perf	137.30	145.30	+1.00	...
Performance Plus	133.70	141.50	+1.00	...
With Profit Perf	159.80	169.10	+0.40	...
UK Opportunity	155.30	164.30	+0.20	...
Euro Opportunity	171.00	181.00	+2.30	...
North Amer Opp	131.10	138.70	+3.40	...
Far East Opp	151.50	160.30	+1.70	...
Gwth Prop Ser 1	152.90	161.00	...	...
Gth Prop Ser 2	150.00	158.70	+0.20	...
Fixed Int	164.40	174.00	-0.30	...
Cash	148.50	157.10	...	...
Overseas	152.30	161.20	+1.60	...
CANADA LIFE 2-4 High Street, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA 0707 51122				
Equity Growth	£238.60	...	...	...
Managed	287.30	302.50	+0.30	...
Property	193.90	204.20	+0.20	...
Gilt & Fxd Int	215.80	227.20	+0.50	...
Index-Linked	177.30	186.70	-0.30	...
Equity	314.40	331.00	-1.10	...
Cash	207.90	218.90	+0.10	...
CLife Euro Mgd	307.40	323.60	+2.80	...
CLife Intl Fd	327.30	344.50	+6.20	...
CANNON ASSURANCE 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081 902 8876				
Equity Units	£109.70	...	-0.70	...
Property Units	£25.14	...	+0.02	...
Bal Bd Exec Unit	£57.19	£60.52	+0.22	...
2nd Equity Acc	556.80	589.20	-3.40	...
2nd High Int Ac	532.20	563.20	-2.20	...
2nd Property Acc	230.80	244.20	+0.10	...
2nd Mngd 2 Acc	165.20	174.90	-0.90	...
2nd Mngd 3 Acc	408.00	431.70	+1.40	...
2nd Mngd 4 Acc	196.90	208.40	+1.20	...
2nd Deposit Acc	267.50	283.10	+0.20	...
2nd Gilt Acc	269.30	285.00	+0.80	...
2nd Amer Acc	564.20	597.00	+20.50	...
2nd Intl Mny Acc	245.10	259.40	+1.20	...
2nd Index Acc	179.50	189.90	-0.50	...
2nd Far East Acc	381.90	404.10	-2.50	...
2nd Global Acc	152.30	161.20	+1.50	...
2nd Euro Acc	133.50	141.30	+1.30	...
2nd Japan Acc	204.40	216.30	+1.10	...
2nd Heritage Acc	68.20	72.20	+0.10	...
2nd Int Cu Bd Acc	149.30	158.00	+1.20	...
2nd Cap Gth Acc	109.20	115.60	-1.00	...
CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE Sentry House, 500 Avebury Blvd, Milton Keynes MK9 2NU. 0908 606101				
Property Fund	177.50	186.90	...	...
Managed Fund	524.90	552.60	+0.30	...
Equity Fund	296.60	312.30	+0.60	...
CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INVESTMENTS Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH. 0272 290566				
Assurance Funds				
Sapphire Mixed	246.10	259.10	-0.20	...
Ruby	139.20	146.60	+0.40	...
Emerald	132.00	139.00	+0.10	...
Equity	282.60	297.50	-1.10	...
Property	174.60	183.80	...	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	188.30	198.30	+0.20	...
Indexed Secs	155.10	163.30	...	...
Cash	177.60	187.00	+0.10	...
Nth American	189.50	199.50	+3.10	...
Far East	243.90	256.80	+0.40	...
International	197.10	207.50	+1.70	...
Special Sits	264.60	278.60	-6.20	...
Intl Income	249.30	262.50	-0.70	...
American Inc	164.90	173.60	+1.20	...
European	245.10	258.10	+2.00	...
Japanese	141.90	149.40	+1.60	...
SE Asia	262.20	276.10	-1.40	...
With Profits Reg	147.00	154.80	+0.80	...
-do- Spec	146.30	154.10	+0.10	...
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	267.70	281.80	+0.30	...
Equity	317.70	334.50	-1.50	...
Property	168.90	177.80	-0.20	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	224.90	236.80	+0.90	...
Index Linked	163.20	171.80	+0.20	...
Cash	231.80	244.00	+0.20	...
Nth American	230.50	242.70	+2.90	...
Far East Acc	286.80	301.90	+3.20	...
International Acc	244.40	257.30	+1.30	...
Special Sits	388.30	408.80	+1.50	...
European Flex	324.50	341.60	+1.90	...
COLONIAL MUTUAL GROUP Colonial Mutual House, Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY. 0634 890 000				
(Units)Key	£204.31	...	...	...
-do- Pacemaker	£280.88	...	...	...
-do- Cash	195.06	205.33	+0.14	...
-do- Equity	461.89	486.20	-0.92	...
-do- Fxd Int	335.97	353.65	-1.24	...
-do- Managed	336.85	354.58	-0.08	...
-do- Property	242.47	255.23	+0.75	...
(Pens)k Cash Cap	205.10	215.90	+0.14	...
-do- Cash Inv	284.06	299.02	+0.60	...
-do- Equity Cap	1247.7	1313.4	-15.41	...
-do- Equity Inv	1728.1	1819.0	-18.89	...
-do- Fixed Cap	365.40	384.64	-3.98	...
-do- Fixed Inv	506.08	532.73	-4.79	...
-do- Index Cap	197.87	208.30	-2.48	...
-do- Index Inv	274.06	288.49	-3.05	...
Mngd Cap	508.82	535.61	-5.24	...
Mngd Inv	704.72	741.82	-6.26	...
COMMERCIAL UNION St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3. 071 283 7500				
Var Ann Acc (5)	1589.33	...	+2.46	...
Var Ann (5)	181.52	...	-0.63	...
Prime: Managed	344.50	362.70	-0.60	...
Prime: UK Equity	410.80	432.50	-1.40	...
Prime: Int Equity	257.70	271.30	+0.10	...
Prime: Property	194.70	205.00	+0.10	...
Prime: Fxd Int	221.60	233.30	-0.30	...
Prime: Index-Lnk	158.90	167.30	-0.20	...
Prime: Cash	195.10	205.40	+0.10	...
CONFEDERATION LIFE Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN 0438 744848				
Managed Fund	993.70	1046.0	...	...
Equity Fund	1409.0	1483.1	...	...
CROWN FINANCIAL Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW 0483 715033				
Life Mangd Acc	514.80	541.80	-1.80	...
Life Fxd Int Acc	336.60	354.30	+0.40	...
Life Equity Acc	702.10	739.00	-4.40	...
Life Money Acc	287.80	302.90	+0.20	...
Life Inv Tst Acc	644.10	678.00	...	...
Life Intl Acc	449.70	473.30	+1.30	...
Life High Inc Acc	670.70	705.90	-4.30	...
Life Property Acc	204.90	215.60	+0.20	...
Crown Brit Inv A	1124.8	1124.8	+29.70	...
Brewin Equity	610.90	643.00	+4.00	...
DBS Managed	234.00	246.30	-0.10	...
EAGLE STAR LIFE ASSURANCE Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ. 0242 221311				
Secure Fund	166.40	175.20	+0.10	...
Blue Chip Fund	215.50	226.90	+0.20	...
-do- Series 2	138.10	145.40	+0.20	...
Adventurous Fd	179.60	189.10	+0.70	...
-do- Series 2	134.70	141.80	+0.60	...
Performance Fd	217.90	229.40	+0.90	...
-do- Series 2	140.60	148.10	+0.60	...
UK Pref Fxd Int	136.10	143.30	+0.30	...
UK Equity Fund	138.30	145.60	-0.50	...
Property Fund	102.60	108.10	...	...
Envrntmnl Opps	137.60	144.90	-0.70	...
Euro Fund	139.90	147.30	+0.90	...
North Amer Fd	168.30	177.20	+2.00	...
Oriental Ops	148.30	156.20	-0.30	...
Japanese Fund	119.50	125.80	+0.20	...
Bd & West Life	113.00	119.00	+0.10	...
Bd & West Pen	124.70	131.30	-0.20	...
EAGLE STAR/MIDLAND 60 St Mary Axe, London EC3. 071 929 1111				
Eagle/Mid Uts	241.10	249.80	-1.10	3.66
FRIENDS' PROVIDENT Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH 0722 413366				
Managed (Mixd)	263.70	277.60	-0.20	...
UK Equity	351.40	369.90	-0.60	...
Stewardship	307.10	323.30	-0.60	...
Overseas Equity	235.90	248.40	-0.10	...
North American	127.00	133.70	+0.60	...
Pacific Basin	128.60	135.40	-0.80	...
European	164.70	173.40	...	...
Property	186.80	196.70	+0.10	...
Fixed Interest	204.90	215.70	+0.50	...
Index Linked	153.20	161.30	-0.10	...
Cash	189.50	199.50	+0.10	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD 8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 220 4567				
GT Plan Far East	296.80	312.50	+1.10	...
GT Plan Wwide	413.90	435.70	+0.70	...
GENERAL ACCIDENT 2 Rougier Street, York YO1 1HR. 0904 628982				
Managed	177.90	187.10	-1.10	...
Unitised Profit	120.90	127.20	+0.20	...
UK Equity	240.20	252.80	-2.30	...
Fixed Int	176.60	185.80	+0.30	...
Index-Linked	153.50	161.50	-0.10	...
Cash Deposit	166.50	175.40	+0.10	...
Property	161.90	170.40	+0.20	...
International	159.00	167.20	-1.20	...
American	141.50	148.90	+0.80	...
Japan	235.90	248.20	-0.40	...
Japan Smllr Cos	228.30	240.30	+2.00	...
European	152.70	160.60	-0.20	...
Pacific Fund	208.10	218.90	-0.50	...
Conv Life	128.40	135.10	-0.70	...
GENERAL PORTFOLIO LIFE Gen Portfolio House, Harlow, Essex CM20 2EW. 0279 626262				
Portfolio Acc	626.80	626.80	-0.10	...
-do- Inv A	626.70	659.80	...	...
UK Equity	360.90	380.00	-1.70	...
Gth Plus	193.10	203.40	-0.50	...
Managed	273.30	287.80	...	...
Inter Man	247.10	260.20	-0.40	...
GRESHAM UNIT 2-6 Prince of Wales Road, Bournemouth 0202 752000				
Managed Bond	634.60	668.70	+1.90	...
Money Fund	301.10	316.90	+0.20	...
Equity Fund	556.60	586.50	-2.70	...
Fixed Interest	260.80	274.80	+1.90	...
Property Fund	332.10	349.90	...	...
Gresham Framlington				
American & Genl	484.20	510.20	+14.80	...
Income	643.80	678.40	-2.80	...
International Gth	519.80	547.70	+9.00	...
Capital Fund	559.80	589.90	-1.80	...
Recovery Fund	534.00	562.70	+7.30	...
Japan & General	258.30	272.20	-7.60	...
GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE Royal Exchange London EC3. 071 283 7101				
Ass Prop Bds	641.30	668.00	...	...
Managed Initial	401.40	422.70	-2.90	...
-do- Acc	552.50	581.70	-3.80	...
Equity Initial	589.20	620.20	-7.90	...
-do- Acc	810.80	853.50	-10.50	...
Fixed Int Initial	398.90	419.90	+1.00	...
-do- Acc	549.00	577.80	+1.60	...
Intl Initial	399.90	421.00	+2.80	...
-do- Acc	550.40	579.40	+4.10	...
Nth Amer Initial	162.60	171.20	-0.50	...
-do- Acc	203.60	214.40	-0.50	...
Pacific Initial	213.50	224.80	-1.10	...
-do- Acc	264.90	278.90	-1.30	...
Property Initial	149.90	157.80	...	...
-do- Acc	206.20	217.10	...	...
Index-Lnkd Initl	151.40	159.40	-0.20	...
-do- Acc	189.60	199.60	-0.20	...
Deposit Initial	193.00	203.10	...	...
-do- Acc	265.60	279.60	+0.20	...
Euro Initial	81.00	85.40	...	...
-do- Acc	93.80	98.80	...	...
HAMBRO GUARDIAN ASSURANCE Kingsgate, 1 King Edward Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4HG. 0277 280939				
Managed	142.70	150.20	-0.10	...
-do- Pens	168.40	177.20	-0.20	...
UK Equity	139.90	147.20	-0.20	...
-do- Pens	152.50	160.50	-0.30	...
International	127.10	133.70	+1.20	...
-do- Pens	136.70	143.80	+1.60	...
Deposit	133.60	140.60	+0.10	...
-do- Pens	155.10	163.20	+0.20	...
HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION 3 Finsbury Avenue, London EC2M 2PA 071 638 5757				
UK Equity Fd	343.20	365.20	+0.30	...
North America	303.50	322.90	+5.80	...
Far East Fund	498.20	530.00	+0.90	...
Global Managed	398.10	423.60	+2.40	...
Deposit Fund	218.00	229.50	...	...
Prime Residential	125.20	131.80	...	...
European Fund	214.10	227.80	+0.60	...
Fixed Interest	69.90	74.40	+1.10	...
HILL SAMUEL LIFE NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
Security Fund	447.00	473.10	-5.20	...
British Fund	449.40	475.60	-4.80	...
International	446.20	472.20	+1.30	...
Dollar Fund	324.30	343.20	+5.10	...
Capital Fund	406.60	430.30	-2.70	...
Income Fund	606.40	641.70	-4.90	...
Property Series A	381.80	404.10	...	...
Property Units	618.30	649.30	...	...
Financial Fund	466.90	494.10	+0.50	...
Managed Ser A	475.10	502.80	+2.10	...
-do- C	273.60	289.60	+1.10	...
Managed Units	848.30	893.00	+3.90	...
High Yield Fund	566.60	599.60	-1.20	...
Money Series A	273.50	289.50	-0.20	...
Money Units	360.20	379.20	+0.20	...
Equity Fund	535.70	566.90	-3.70	...
Fixed Interest	341.30	361.20	+0.80	...
Indexed Secs	169.00	178.90	+0.30	...
European Fund	608.40	643.90	+3.70	...
Natural Res	242.00	256.10	-0.70	...
Far East Fund	538.80	570.20	+1.60	...
Smaller Cos	407.50	431.30	+1.10	...
Special Sits	393.70	416.70	-2.30	...
Man Currency	249.70	264.30	+0.20	...
Japanese Tech	245.20	259.50	-0.10	...
US Smaller Cos	188.80	199.80	+7.70	...
IRISH LIFE ASSURANCE Irish Life Centre, Victoria Street, St Albans, Herts AL1 5TF. 0727 48181				
Global Managed	478.60	503.80	+1.20	...
Global Property	253.20	266.50	-2.50	...
Global Fixed Int	466.80	491.40	+4.70	...
Global Equity	507.10	533.80	+0.10	...
Global Cash	202.60	213.30	+0.30	...
LAURENTIAN LIFE Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 7RZ 0452 371371				
Gtd Mgd	442.50	465.80	...	...
Property	409.80	431.40	-0.70	...
Managed	365.40	384.60	-1.70	...
American	352.90	371.50	+5.60	...
UK Equity Fd	396.10	417.00	-3.80	...
Japan	202.70	213.40	+1.40	...
Index-Lkd	174.70	183.90	-0.40	...
High Yield	742.20	781.30	-2.90	...
Growth Cap	399.20	420.20	+0.20	...
Money	382.40	402.50	+0.10	...
International	337.20	354.90	+1.70	...
Henderson Active	190.80	200.80	+1.90	...
Perpetual Active	279.50	294.30	+5.60	...
Growth Cap	399.20	420.20	+0.20	...
-do- Acc	568.80	598.70	-2.00	...
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT ASSURANCE 2 Montefiore Road, Hove, Sussex BN3 1SE 0273 824000				
B Soc Lnkd Intr	134.90	142.10	...	...
-do- Acc	177.00	186.40	+0.10	...
Brit Opps Ini	125.00	131.60	-0.90	...
-do- Acc	148.00	155.80	-0.60	...
Cash Initial	166.50	175.30	-0.40	...
-do- Acc	273.30	287.70	+0.10	...
Equity Initial	576.50	606.90	-4.10	...
-do- Acc	946.20	996.00	-4.30	...
Fixed Initial	334.10	351.70	-0.50	...
-do- Acc	548.50	577.40	+0.90	...
Index-Lnkd Gilt	130.00	136.90	-0.50	...
-do- Acc	182.00	191.60	-0.30	...
Intl Initial	302.80	318.80	+0.40	...
-do- Acc	489.40	515.20	+2.10	...
Managed Initial	424.60	447.00	-1.70	...
-do- Acc	696.90	733.60	-1.00	...
Property Initial	185.10	194.90	-0.30	...
-do- Acc	303.80	319.80	+0.20	...
LIFE ASSOCIATION OF SCOTLAND 113 Dundas Street, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 5000				
Managed Fund	311.70	328.20	-1.10	...
UK Equity	519.00	546.40	-2.80	...
Property	274.20	288.70	+0.30	...
Money Market	240.40	253.10	+0.20	...
Fixed Interest	289.50	304.80	+0.20	...
Japan	380.80	400.90	+1.90	...
North America	145.20	152.90	+0.90	...
International	257.90	273.60	+0.90	...
European	231.40	243.60	...	...
Far East	114.50	120.60	+0.10	...
LONDON LIFE 100 Temple Street, Bristol, BS1 6EA 0272 279179				
Equity	£789.70	...	-0.50	...
Fixed Interest	£368.60	...	+1.10	...
Property	£340.50	...	...	...
Deposit	£276.60	...	+0.20	...
Mixed	£517.10	...	+1.00	...
Indexed Stock	£197.70	...	-0.30	...
International	£250.70	...	+2.30	...
Equity A	£183.70	...	-0.10	...
Fixed Int A	£164.00	...	+0.50	...
Property A	£150.10	...	...	...
Deposit A	£163.00	...	+0.10	...
Mixed A	£170.40	...	+0.30	...
Index Stock A	£155.20	...	-0.20	...
International A	£157.00	...	+1.40	...
Equity P	£635.70	...	...	...
Fixed Int P	£473.90	...	+1.60	...
Property P	£272.80	...	+0.50	...
Deposit P	£320.20	...	+0.40	...
Mixed P	£465.00	...	+1.30	...
Index Stock P	£226.30	...	-0.40	...
International P	£283.00	...	-3.30	...
LONDON & MANCHESTER ASSURANCE Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 0392 283456				
Inv Trust Cap	£519.20	...	+1.60	...
-do- Acc	£809.60	...	+3.40	...
Property Cap	£157.10	...	+0.10	...
-do- Acc	£237.60	...	+0.20	...
Fxd Interest Cap	£191.30	...	+0.10	...
-do- Acc	£289.60	...	+0.30	...
Equity Cap	£293.00	...	-0.90	...
-do- Acc	£448.50	...	-0.90	...
Internatl Cap	£217.50	...	+2.80	...
-do- Acc	£329.80	...	+4.60	...
Gtd Deposit Cap	£170.50	...	...	...
-do- Acc	£255.80	...	+0.10	...
Flexible Cap	£322.70	...	-0.40	...
-do- Acc	£492.80	...	+1.00	...
Moneymaker Fd	£388.60	...	+0.10	...
Capital Growth	£1425.2	...	+0.60	...
M & G Victoria Road, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1FB 0245 266266				
Amer Bond Acc	366.50	384.90	+3.20	...
Amer Rec Bond	418.50	439.50	+9.10	...
Am Smlr Cos Bd	201.10	211.20	+7.50	...
Australasia Bd	175.10	183.90	+2.40	...
Commodity Bond	228.00	239.50	-3.60	...
Deposit Bond Acc	344.30	361.60	+0.30	...
Equity Bond Acc	1221.2	1282.4	-5.10	...
European Bd Acc	291.00	305.60	-0.90	...
Extra Yld Bd Acc	609.20	639.80	-6.70	...
Far East Bd Acc	256.20	269.10	-1.70	...
Gilt Bond Acc	395.90	415.80	+1.20	...
Gold Bond Acc	115.80	121.60	+2.00	...
High Yield Bond	304.60	319.80	-2.50	4.34
Index-Lnk Gt Bd	196.90	206.90	-0.20	...
International Bd	632.70	664.40	+4.00	...
Japan Bond Acc	261.30	274.50	+3.00	...
Japan Sm Cos Ac	235.70	247.50	+3.40	...
Managed Bonds	737.90	774.70	+2.60	...
Prop Bond Acc	297.20	312.20	+0.30	...
Rec Bond Acc	633.00	664.80	-6.50	...
MGM ASSURANCE MGM House, Heene Road, Worthing BN11 2DY. 0903 204631				
UK Equity	205.70	216.60	-1.00	...
UK Equity Acc	274.60	289.10	-1.30	...
Special Sits	84.40	88.90	-0.40	...
Special Sits Acc	112.80	118.80	-0.30	...
North American	169.90	178.90	+1.80	...
N American Acc	226.90	238.90	+2.60	...
Pacific Basin	317.70	334.50	-1.30	...
Pacific Basin Acc	424.20	446.60	-1.30	...
Fixed Interest	274.50	289.00	-0.10	...
Fixed Interest Acc	366.90	386.30	+0.10	...
Property	151.80	159.80	+0.10	...
Property Acc	202.80	213.50	+0.10	...
Deposit	151.20	159.20	+0.10	...
Deposit Acc	202.60	213.30	+0.30	...
Managed	234.00	246.40	-0.40	...
Managed Acc	287.90	303.10	-0.40	...
MANULIFE GROUP St Georges Way, Stevenage, Herts 0438 356101				
Managed Fund	612.90	645.20	+0.40	...
Property Fund	474.30	499.30	+0.60	...
Equity Fund	751.20	790.80	-5.60	...
Gilt Edged Fd	552.30	581.30	+1.10	...
Deposit Fund	313.80	330.30	-0.20	...
Investment Fd	317.20	333.10	-2.30	...
International	499.60	525.90	+5.70	...
MERCHANT INVESTORS 91 Wimpole Street, London W1M 7DA Admin: 0272 266366 Prices: 081 789 2945 or 0272 752297				
Property	390.90	411.40	+0.50	...
Equity Bond	299.70	315.40	-0.80	...
Money Mrkt Bd	497.50	523.60	+0.60	...
Deposit Fund	359.70	378.60	+0.40	...
Managed Fund	412.30	434.00	+0.90	...
Intl Equity	486.80	512.40	+4.00	...
Intl Managed	459.20	483.30	+2.50	...
North American	189.20	199.10	+1.30	...
Far East	369.30	388.70	+2.10	...
Intl Currency	255.40	268.80	+0.40	...
NM LIFE ASSURANCE Enterprise House, Portsmouth 0705 827733				
Equity	128.70	135.40	+0.30	...
Fixed Interest	485.70	511.20	+0.50	...
Managed	614.30	646.60	+0.80	...
Deposit	321.60	338.50	+0.40	...
Property	346.70	364.90	-2.40	...
American	374.10	393.70	+3.60	...
Australian	415.40	437.20	-5.20	...
European	445.10	468.50	+2.40	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	243.20	256.00	+0.30	...
Global Managed	124.50	131.00	+0.10	...
Income Acc	682.70	718.60	-0.50	...
-do- Dist	433.90	456.80	-0.30	5.11
International	282.10	296.90	+6.20	...
Japan Smaller	467.30	491.80	+16.40	...
Singapore & Mal	269.20	283.30	+6.20	...
Smaller Cos	349.80	368.20	+12.50	...
Tokyo Fund	645.60	679.50	+7.90	...
UK Equity	525.80	553.40	-7.50	...
CCM Vangd Mg	642.70	676.50	-0.40	...
Equity Pens Cap	861.60	906.90	+2.20	...
NPI 48 Gracechurch Street, London EC3P 3HH 071 623 4200				
Managed	414.40	436.30	+0.30	...
UK Equity	512.90	539.90	-0.60	...
Overseas Equity	413.70	435.50	+1.70	...
Americas	362.90	382.10	+4.00	...
Far East	459.30	483.50	-0.40	...
Property	192.90	203.10	...	...
Fixed Interest	333.20	350.80	...	...
Indexed Gilt	213.30	224.60	...	...
Deposit	205.30	216.10	+0.20	...
NORWICH UNION LIFE INSURANCE SOCIETY - Ex NUAM Funds PO Box 140, Norwich NR3 1PP 0603 622200				
Managed Fund	1202.3	1265.6	-2.60	...
Eqty Fund	2621.8	2759.8	-14.10	...
Property Fd	437.70	460.70	+0.60	...
Fixed Int Fd	541.60	570.10	-1.90	...
Deposit Fund	328.50	345.60	+0.20	...
Intl Fund	203.60	214.30	+0.70	...
PEARL ASSURANCE Pearl House, Thorpe Wood, Peterborough PE3 6SA. 0733 63212				
Inv Prop Dist	139.50	146.90	+0.20	...
Prop Acc (Gross)	265.70	279.70	+0.40	...
Inv Equity	1032.9	1087.3	-5.40	...
Inv Managed	721.30	759.30	-1.40	...
Ret Managed	788.60	830.20	-2.40	...
PROLIFIC LIFE & PENSIONS LTD Stramongate, Kendal, Cumbria LA9 4UB 0539 733733				
Bal Gwth Mngd	683.40	727.10	-2.40	...
Cash Fund	320.90	338.20	+0.30	...
Property Fund	218.00	232.00	+0.50	...
Equity Fund	775.30	824.80	+1.90	...
Fxd Interest Fund	417.50	440.00	-0.60	...
International	347.30	369.50	-0.10	...
High Income	620.90	660.60	-4.00	...
Far East	466.40	496.20	-0.20	...
North American	453.00	482.00	+9.00	...
Special Sits	556.90	592.50	-2.70	...
Technology	429.50	457.00	+10.50	...
Extra Income Fd	331.30	352.50	...	...
Gilt Fund	443.60	472.00	+1.00	...
European	125.10	133.10	...	...
Adventurous Mg	176.30	185.60	+0.60	...
Secure Mgd	128.80	137.20	-0.10	...
Equity Inc Dist	108.80	115.80	-0.10	4.80
North American	102.20	108.80	-0.20	5.51
PROVIDENCE CAPITOL 2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA 0256 768888				
Equity Fund Acc	261.00	275.40	-1.50	...
Fxd Interest Acc	219.70	231.80	+0.30	...
International Acc	222.90	235.20	-0.10	...
Managed Acc	190.00	200.40	-2.00	...
Property Acc	221.10	233.30	...	...
Money Acc	146.00	154.10	+0.10	...
Spec Mkt Acc	184.40	194.60	-0.80	...
Japan Equity Acc	121.40	128.10	+1.70	...
N Amer Acc	144.90	152.90	+3.10	...
Pacific Acc	136.60	144.10	-0.20	...
European Acc	124.70	131.60	+1.50	...
PROVIDENT MUTUAL William Road, Hitchin, Herts SG4 8LP 0438 729800				
Managed Ord	406.90	428.30	+0.80	...
Managed Initial	288.90	304.10	+0.50	...
Equity Ord	608.90	640.90	+0.70	...
Equity Init	432.30	455.10	+0.40	...
I-Linked Gilt Ord	191.40	201.50	-0.40	...
I-Linked Gilt Ink	141.90	149.40	-0.40	...
Oseas Equity Ord	323.40	340.40	+1.90	...
Oseas Equity Init	229.60	241.70	+1.20	...
Property Ord	224.60	236.40	-0.40	...
Property Init	159.40	167.80	+0.20	...
Fixed Int Ord	256.20	269.70	+0.50	...
Fixed Int Init	181.80	191.40	+0.20	...
Deposit Ord	195.80	206.10	+0.10	...
Deposit Initial	139.00	146.30	...	...
PRUDENTIAL Holborn Bars, London EC1N 2NH 071 405 9222				
Managed	296.50	308.90	+0.50	...
PRUDENTIAL INDIVIDUAL LIFE FUNDS 3 Stephen Street, London W1P 2AP 071 548 3278				
Managed Fund	654.40	688.90	-0.20	...
Equity Fund	1278.3	1345.6	-2.90	...
Intl Fund	506.30	533.00	+1.50	...
Fixed Interest	531.30	559.30	+0.90	...
Property Fund	376.60	396.50	...	...
Cash Fund	347.80	366.20	+0.30	...
Pacific Basin	277.20	291.80	-1.60	...
N American Fd	202.60	213.30	+2.70	...
Euro Fund	216.60	228.00	+1.50	...
Balanced Fund	132.00	139.00	-0.10	...
Strategic Fund	136.20	143.40	+0.10	...
ROYAL HERITAGE LIFE ASSURANCE Peterborough Business Park, Peterborough PE2 6GG. 0733 390000				
Mult Grow (45)	£650.70	...	-12.80	...
-do- Acc	418.10	440.20	-7.30	...
Op Prop	412.40	434.20	-0.10	...
Op Equity	872.00	917.90	-0.80	...
Op High Yield	517.60	544.90	+1.00	...
Op Managed	717.40	755.20	+1.80	...
Op Deposit	373.90	393.60	+0.30	...
Amer Smaller	...	...	...	...
Extra Inc	...	...	...	...
Gold Gen	...	...	...	...
Inc Gth	277.90	292.60	-1.90	...
Japan Perf	...	...	...	...
Japan Smlr	224.70	236.60	+1.40	...
Natl High	...	...	...	...
Prop Sits	...	...	...	...
Managed Gth	223.20	235.00	-1.30	...
Gilt	77.50	81.60	...	...
Amer (35.34)	...	...	...	...
British	327.60	344.90	+7.60	...
Global Bond	110.90	116.80	+0.40	...
Global (35.34)	151.80	159.80	+0.70	...
Gold Share	61.80	65.10	+0.40	...
High Income	258.00	271.60	-1.40	...
Income	384.70	405.00	-5.30	...
Japan	405.00	426.40	+3.40	...
UK Smlr Cos	282.70	297.60	+7.30	...
Mngd Growth	397.00	417.90	-1.50	...
ROYAL LIFE INSURANCE New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS 051 239 3000				
Royal Shield Fd	843.80	892.90	-2.80	...
Royal Life Unit Linked				
Managed Fund	337.90	355.60	-1.10	...
Equity Fund	469.10	493.70	-3.60	...
Property Fund	251.60	264.80	-0.20	...
International	394.80	415.50	+0.90	...
Pacific Basin	233.60	245.80	+0.80	...
United States	209.80	220.80	+1.90	...
Gilt Fund	324.90	342.00	+0.50	...
SAVE & PROSPER 16-22 Western Road, Romford, Essex RM1 3LB. 0708 766966				
Bal Inv Fund	652.10	690.10	-0.50	...
Deposit Fund (2)	349.10	369.50	+0.30	...
Gilt Fund	467.50	494.80	+1.40	...
Global Equity Fd	198.90	210.50	+1.20	...
Property Fund (40)	89.40	94.70	...	...
AG Bond Fund	136.80	144.80	-0.10	...
SCOTTISH AMICABLE 150 St Vincent Street, Glasgow 041 248 2323				
Equity	493.30	519.30	-1.90	...
Fixed Interest	330.20	347.60	+0.60	...
Index-Linked	181.70	191.30	-0.50	...
International	382.90	403.10	-1.50	...
Property	239.40	252.00	...	...
Cash	219.20	230.80	+0.30	...
Managed	393.00	413.70	-0.60	...
Cap Gteed Bd	97.00	102.20	-0.70	...
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE 28 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF 031 556 9101				
Cash	171.87	180.91	+0.11	...
Index-Linked	149.10	156.90	+0.20	...
Fixed Interest	166.20	174.90	+0.30	...
Mixed	218.00	229.50	-0.80	...
UK Equity	209.80	220.80	-2.80	...
International	218.60	230.10	+0.20	...
American	224.20	236.00	+0.80	...
Japan	236.00	248.40	+0.50	...
European	204.70	215.50	+0.60	...
Pacific	301.10	316.90	-0.20	...
Technology	283.70	298.60	+1.10	...
Currncy/Currncy	212.70	223.90	...	...
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YE 031 225 2211				
Property	173.50	182.70	+0.20	...
UK Equity	311.60	328.10	-2.10	...
American	220.00	231.70	+1.50	...
Pacific	294.90	310.60	-1.30	...
European	395.60	416.50	+2.50	...
International	265.10	279.20	+0.10	...
Fixed Interest	225.00	236.90	-1.90	...
Index Linked	186.20	196.10	-0.30	...
Deposit	183.60	193.40	+0.20	...
Managed	248.90	262.10	-0.80	...
Worldwide	106.30	112.00	+0.10	...
Pen Worldwide	110.30	116.20	...	...
SCOTTISH MUTUAL ASSURANCE 109 St Vincent Street, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6321				
Flex Fund (35)	1437.5	1482.3	...	...
Safety Fund	210.80	221.90	-0.60	...
Growth Fund	199.90	210.00	-1.60	...
Opportunity Fd	197.80	208.30	-1.40	...
Cash Fund	165.80	174.60	+0.10	...
European Fund	286.50	302.00	-2.00	...
Gilts & Fxd Int	178.40	187.80	-0.10	...
Index-Linked Fd	169.70	178.70	-0.20	...
International Fd	245.10	258.10	-0.40	...
North American	211.10	222.30	+0.10	...
Property Fund	114.50	120.60	-0.10	...
UK Equity	211.40	222.60	-2.80	...
UK Smaller	193.50	203.70	-0.50	...
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT 6 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 556 9181				
Mixed	231.50	243.80	-0.70	...
Equity	243.00	255.90	-1.50	...
International	241.60	254.40	-0.20	...
Property	192.50	202.70	-0.30	...
Fixed Interest	205.90	216.80	...	...
Index Linked	168.80	177.70	-0.40	...
Cash	178.50	188.00	-0.10	...
SCOTTISH WIDOWS PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 031 655 6000				
Inv Pol 1	824.00	824.00	-11.00	...
Inv Pol 2	751.70	791.40	-10.80	...
Inv Pol 3	724.00	762.20	-10.70	...
Inv Cash	296.50	312.60	+0.60	...
Mixed Fund	396.80	418.00	-1.60	...
Equity Fund	466.70	491.40	-4.90	...
Property Fund	201.70	212.40	-1.90	...
International Fd	409.80	431.50	+1.30	...
Fixed Interest Fd	338.00	355.90	+0.80	...
Indexed Stock Fd	185.50	195.30	-0.40	...
Cash Fund	216.10	227.60	+0.20	...
SKANDIA LIFE Skandia House, Portland Terrace, Southampton SO9 7BX 0703 334411				
Managed Acc	323.50	340.50	+2.20	...
Equity Acc	371.90	391.40	+1.70	...
International Acc	301.90	317.70	+4.20	...
Property	208.10	219.00	+0.20	...
Royal Trust Mg	209.40	220.40	+1.40	...
STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO 3 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 031 225 2552				
Cash	255.70	269.20	+0.10	...
Equity	861.60	907.00	-11.40	...
European	137.70	145.00	+0.10	...
Far East	144.70	152.40	-0.70	...
Fixed Interest	362.00	381.10	+1.10	...
Index Linked	193.60	203.80	-0.10	...
International	524.10	551.70	-0.50	...
Managed	604.30	636.20	-5.20	...
Nth American	132.30	139.30	+0.40	...
Property	305.90	322.00	...	...
Pensions				
Cash	391.70	412.40	+0.40	...
Equity	1213.1	1277.0	-13.80	...
European	161.30	169.80	+0.80	...
Far East	112.10	118.00	-0.70	...
Fixed Interest	480.80	506.20	+1.70	...
Index Linked	267.80	281.90	-0.20	...
International	721.00	759.00	+0.10	...
Managed	828.40	872.00	-5.80	...
Nth American	163.40	172.00	+1.10	...
Property	386.50	406.90	+0.30	...
Stock Exchange	186.90	196.80	-1.40	...
SUN ALLIANCE St Mark's Court, Horsham, Sussex 0403 232323				
Managed Fund	560.70	590.30	...	...
Equity Fund	749.80	789.30	-4.20	...
Fixed Interest Fd	384.00	404.30	...	...
Index-Linked Fd	286.00	301.10	-0.30	...
Property Fund	410.50	432.20	-0.50	...
International Fd	537.80	566.20	+5.30	...
N American Fd	200.10	210.70	+3.70	...
Far East Fund	183.50	193.20	-1.10	...
Deposit Fund	279.60	294.40	+0.20	...
International Bd	£71.58	...	+1.30	...
Worldwide Bond	151.70	159.70	+0.90	...
Worldwide Fincl	78.60	82.80	+0.10	...
Worldwide Tech	93.40	98.40	+0.10	...
European	133.10	140.20	+0.60	...
Phoenix Assurance				
Wealth Assured	553.00	582.20	+1.20	...
Ebor Phoenix Eq	430.00	459.70	...	...
Property Growth				
Property Fund	£468.80	...	+0.50	...
-do- Acc	£440.00	...	+0.40	...
Agricultural Fd	£755.40	...	+0.50	...
-do- Acc	£725.80	...	+0.50	...
Abbey Nat Fd	£377.20	...	+0.30	...
Abbey Nat Acc	£400.70	...	+0.30	...
Investment Fd	£296.30	...	...	...
Investment (A)	£285.00	...	...	...
Equity	£1082.5	...	-3.70	...
Equity Acc	£1040.3	...	-5.40	...
Money Fund	£442.60	...	+0.30	...
-do- Acc	£424.60	...	+0.30	...
Actuarial Fd	£507.50	...	-0.30	...
Gilt-Edged Fd	£358.10	...	...	...
-do- Acc	£358.10	...	...	...
Retire Annuity	£984.30	...	+7.70	...
Immed Annuity	£299.00	...	...	...
Bldg Soc Life	£214.60	...	+0.20	...
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 841414				
Growth Account	£1243.6	...	+0.10	...
Managed Acc	£731.00	...	-5.10	...
Equity Account	£1028.8	...	-12.70	...
Mngd Fund Acc	339.10	357.00	-2.50	...
Equity Fund Acc	453.70	477.60	-5.90	...
Prop Fund Acc	221.90	233.60	+0.20	...
Fixed Int Fd Acc	277.20	291.80	-3.40	...
Money Fund Acc	210.60	221.70	-0.30	...
Indx-Lnk Sct Ac	195.30	205.60	-1.20	...
Pers Pens Acct	£1612.4	...	+5.90	...
Pens Mngd Acct	749.80	789.20	+2.70	...
Pens Guarantee	220.40	232.00	+0.40	...
Pens Equity	286.10	301.10	+0.60	...
Pens Property	229.60	241.70	+0.50	...
Pens Fixed Int	249.20	262.30	-2.50	...
Pens Intl	209.70	220.80	+4.50	...
Pens Money	221.30	233.00	+0.30	...
Pens Indx-Lnkd	182.70	192.30	-1.80	...
SUN LIFE UNIT St James Barton, Bristol BS99 7SL 0272 426911				
Managed Acc	767.50	807.90	-1.70	...
Property Acc	281.20	296.00	-3.20	...
Equity Acc	1251.7	1317.6	-11.70	...
Fixed Int Acc	355.30	374.00	+1.30	...
Index-Linked Acc	191.00	201.10	-0.20	...
Cash Acc	293.60	309.10	+0.20	...
Amer Equity Acc	321.10	338.00	+5.00	...
Japan Acc	294.60	310.20	+6.90	...
Pacific Acc	274.60	289.10	-0.90	...
Far Eastern Acc	669.30	704.60	+11.80	...
International Acc	483.80	509.30	+8.30	...
Distribution Fund	271.30	285.60	-2.00	6.57
European	152.00	160.10	+2.00	...
TSB LIFE LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants, SP10 1RE 0264 345678				
Managed Fund	248.50	261.60	-0.50	...
Property Fund	180.20	189.70	...	...
Fixed Interest Fd	205.20	216.10	+0.60	...
Money Fund	189.80	199.80	-0.20	...
Equity Fund	322.60	339.60	-0.80	...
TARGET LIFE The Exchange, 66 High Street, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 394000				
Deposit	238.10	250.70	+0.10	...
Financial Ser I	38.40	41.20	-0.30	...
Fixed Interest	312.00	328.50	+0.30	...
Gold	70.30	74.10	-1.50	...
Managed	531.80	559.80	-11.10	...
Mngd Growth	166.80	175.60	-8.20	...
Mngd Opp	173.30	182.50	-6.80	...
Property	253.30	266.70	...	...
Residential Prop	90.90	95.70	...	...
TSB American	179.40	188.90	+2.60	...
TSB Brit Gwth	704.20	741.30	-13.10	...
TSB European	235.10	247.50	+4.10	...
TSB Income	343.70	361.80	-3.70	...
TSB Intl	362.30	381.40	-4.30	...
TSB Intl Inc	267.60	281.70	-1.20	...
TSB Pacific	323.00	340.00	-3.60	...
TSB Prem Inc	234.70	245.20	+0.40	...

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Surveys lack value for money



COMMENT

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Mortgage valuations have always been a bone of contention for home-buyers. For a start, they are often lower than borrowers want, which means that they cannot borrow as much as they would like to. Yet the borrower has to pay for the information that will limit their loan. And may have to pay again and again for different lenders until a mortgage is arranged.

Borrowers have long felt that the system was open to abuse and they have more recently been joined by some valuers and surveyors, who have been upset by cosy arrangements that give all the work to a select few. As a result, those firms also pick up commissions for full surveys and house buyers' reports for people wanting more detail, but not wanting to pay out in full twice over.

The system does not work for the borrower and needs a radical overhaul. The lenders have had to be forced every inch of the way to make minor concessions with these valuations. Initially, lenders refused to let borrowers know the price put on the property they were going to buy. The only hint they got that the value was low was if the lender refused to give them a mortgage. But there was no hint to the borrower if the valuer thought there were problems with the property if they were only borrowing a fraction of the price. It did not matter to the lender that there was dry rot or propped-up joists if they were lending just £50,000 on a £250,000 property.

Eventually, lenders relented and started giving borrowers a quick glimpse of the reports and then hey presto, their own copy. However, because the valuation was carried out for the lender, people who went ahead and bought on the strength of it, and later found the valuer had missed vital information on a house that barely stood up once the carpets and wall paper were removed, had no rights to sue for negligence.

A series of expensive and lengthy cases all the way to the House of Lords have given borrowers using such valuations alone some limited rights to sue the valuers.

Last year, the building society ombudsman was given the go-ahead by the courts to investigate complaints about in-house valuers for existing building society borrowers. The societies had opposed even this tiny improvement. Lots of complaints about faulty valuations still cannot be dealt with because the customer is moving from one lender to another.

If lenders would accept a full structural survey by a professional valuer as evidence that a property is good for the loan, then more people might opt for the detailed report. Now they feel they have to pay twice over, and cannot choose the firm they deal with. If the lender does not have the firm they want on its panel the borrower has to pay for a valuation and then for a survey elsewhere.

Wand waving

The secret is out. Building societies can easily offer their borrowers cheaper buildings insurance outside the block policies they negotiate with insurers for their customers . But only borrowers persistent enough to protest about huge premium rises will be told this, it seems.

Societies are perfectly happy to keep most people in the dark, as one Leeds Permanent borrower discovered. On being told her new buildings insurance premium with the Leeds Permanent was £516, £250 more than the previous year, she told the building society that the increase was "extortionate and unreasonable" and that she and her husband would arrange their own insurance.

She had said the magic words. The Leeds Permanent replied that it could arrange a cheaper policy with a premium of £304.50 with another insurer, as long as the couple paid a £25 administration fee. Premiums would be debited monthly with the mortgage as with the other, more expensive policy. The Leeds Permanent's argument for charging more is that it has agreed "service standards" with the main insurers with which it negotiates block policies. However good these standards are, they cannot possibly be worth paying an extra £200 a year for.

What the Leeds Permanent (and other societies) are not saying is that they also earn generous commissions from large insurers for their sterling work in selling expensive policies to a captive audience. It is for this reason that they do not want to enlighten the many borrowers who still mistakenly believe that they have to take out buildings insurance with the building society.

The Leeds Permanent itself has said insurance is a competitive market. So it is and borrowers should start to make it work for them, rather than meekly paying up every year. They could even try approaching the insurer presently underwriting their insurance directly rather than through the building society. They may get a pleasant surprise.

Share shop campaign to keep BT3 stags at bay

Sara McConnell says government plans to encourage BT3 buyers not to sell at once may be unnecessary



THE first details of the government's most ambitious privatisation campaign to date emerged this week, as its advisers announced 150 brokers, banks and building societies had been chosen to act as share shops for the sale of another tranche of BT.

The expansion of the share shop scheme from just eight firms in the previous BT sale marks another step forward in the government's campaign for "wider and deeper" share ownership. This has so far met only limited success. But between the end of May, when the share shops are allowed to start marketing, and mid July, when the shares go on sale, potential investors must endure a heavy campaign to persuade them to buy BT shares. If they sign up with a share shop, they will be encouraged not to stag their allocation of BT shares (selling them at once to gain a high profit) but keep them and buy more and different shares, developing a relationship with their share shop.

But many investors appear not to need any encouragement from the government to put their money into equities. There is already a steady stream of private investors chancing the equity markets again and this could swell to a flood this summer, private client brokers believe.

Saving in the building society is less attractive than it has been since the late 1980s as interest rates look set to remain low. This, combined with signs of a pick up in the economy which could prove sustainable, have meant a busy first quarter of the year for brokers. They expect this momentum to continue.

Justin Urquhart Stewart, marketing director at Barclays Stockbrokers, said: "The hobbyists are back in the market and trading — the people who have a few stocks and who enjoy it as long as they have some security."

Richard Twydell, marketing director of Henderson Crosthwaite, the broker, said: "There has been a considerable shift in attitude by people who have been cautious about equities. People are starting to ask whether cash is really the best thing to be in."

Much of the money coming in from Henderson Crosthwaite clients is from their "savings pot" in the building society, said Mr Twydell, adding that many building society savers did not realise what a poor return they were getting. For the first time in years, many savers are getting a negative return of 2-3 per cent gross, depending on their balance. By contrast yields on utilities shares like Seeboard and North West Water are 4.5 per cent gross and 5.1 per cent gross.

Waters Lunniss, the Norwich broker owned by the Norwich and Peterborough building society, has also noticed a significant change since last September. Richard Larner, Waters Lunniss' managing director, said: "People are genuinely investing in the stock market, not punting. They are going for dividend income offered by blue chip stocks with good yields." Clients at Fidelity Brokerage Services, the execution-only broking arm of Fidelity Investments, have shown "sustained interest" even after the beginning of a new financial year, when activity generally falls away. Amanda Davies, head of dealing, said people were making more calculated decisions, in some cases going for shares where there was the possibility of a quick gain and taking profits.

Ms Davies believes the next BT sale has had a big effect on investors, with many people asking when they will get more details. Fidelity Brokerage is one of the 150 chosen share shops but will offer the service only to its clients.

No details have yet been given about the size of the BTissue or its structure. But investors in previous issues have had to pay for their shares in three instalments. Those who held on to their shares got their first dividends as if they had paid fully for their stock, although they had yet to pay all their instalments.

If similar arrangements are in place this time, investors are likely to pay the first instalment in July when they buy the shares, the second next March and the third next autumn. But before they have their second call in March, they will have already earned dividends in September and February.

The appetite of private investors for less obvious new issues is growing. Registrations for the £250 million sale of Northern Ireland Electricity (NIE), in June, are still being accepted. Although most of the interest has come from Northern Ireland, there has been some on the mainland, said Mr Urquhart Stewart. Investors who are not NIE customers can apply by registering with the NIE share information office or via an approved broker. Those registered can choose one of four share shops at Allied Irish Banks, First Trust Bank, Northern Bank or Ulster Bank.

Barclays handles deals for Northern Bank and will be deal in NIE shares through its share shop service. It says it is the only one of the mainland UK share shops nominated in 1991 for BT2 to have kept its share shop operation going. It deals in 50 popular stocks charging a minimum £15 for deals of up to £1,400.

Private investors are also starting to demand more opportunity to participate in new issues as the economy picks up and companies dare to risk a flotation. Proshare, the organisation funded by industry and the government to promote share ownership, said last week it had set up a new issue line for investors seeking information on new issues. It has information lines on OGC International, WMS, RJB Mining, NIE, Biocure, Fine Decor and Anagan.Calls cost36p a minute (cheap rate) and 48p a minute (peak time).

Meanwhile, the New Issue Register was set up this week to bring together private investors who want to participate in new issues and merchant banks and brokers deciding who can participate. The company says since 1991 the FT all-share index has risen by 16 per cent, new issues open to all investors by 20 per cent and new issues placed with institutions by 62 per cent. Subscribers will pay £75 a year, with the first 8,000 members only billed at their first investment.

The chosen few face a multitude

THE 150 firms chosen to act as share shops this week will be able to start marketing their services using a special share shop symbol and BT3 offer logo when the marketing campaign begins on May 24. Until then, the shops are not allowed to let slip any hint of their marketing plans. They will be free to set what prices they like for dealing.

Prospective investors who register with a share shop after May 24 will receive an application form from that share shop, with a copy of the prospectus. When the completed forms are returned, share shops will apply on their registrants' behalf, and submit bulk applications with a single cheque. Cheques will be made out to the share shop rather than BT. This is why firms applying to become share shops have to be authorised to handle clients' money. They have already been vetted by Warburgs and 30 of the 180 applicants were refused on these grounds.

Firms acting as share shops will get a selling commission of 1.1 per cent on the first £8,000 worth of shares allocated at the fully-paid price and 0.5 per cent on the next £22,000 worth, of shares allocated. The minimum commission will be £12.50 per successful underlying application.

Small investors show up the professionals with timely buys

PRIVATE investors are not only moving into shares in larger numbers but they are also growing more sophisticated and in some cases more speculative in their share-buying, according to ShareLink, the largest execution-only retail broker with more than 300,000 private clients.

When it was revealed that medical trials of Retrovir, the Wellcome drug, had not impressed doctors, the share price fell dramatically. Private investors took it as an opportunity to buy when the price slumped to £6.58 and this week it was up almost £1. Nigel Bartram, marketing director, said: "There was a lot of buying after the price plummeted."

Small investors are also sometimes ahead of the market. Mr Bartram said: "Asda was the most popular share in 1992. Small investors in fairly solid numbers bought Asda well ahead of the market perceiving it was a recovery stock. Lots of recovery stocks are being bought. Some come good. Others don't."

In March the third most popular buy was Amstrad shares, the company that tried to go private last year when its founder, Alan Sugar, offered 30p for each share. Investors were prompted in following the launch of a revolutionary personal organiser only a few months after the company said there were no miracle launches planned to bale the company out of trouble.

Spring Ram Corporation, which had a setback in late March when its finance director resigned after accounting irregularities, has since bounced back. The shares fell to 59p but moved back to 82p this week. In March the bathrooms and kitchens firm was at number six in the ShareLink popularity stakes. Neither it nor Amstrad had appeared in the top 100 during the previous month.

David Jones, chief executive of ShareLink, said: "The turnaround in preferences clearly indicates more selective buying. But buying it is. The buyers are still in the ascendancy. During the month BT moved up from six to two and British Gas and Abbey National re-entered the top ten.

The companies falling out of favour included Queens Moat Houses, which was sold by small investors before the shares were suspended because of debt problems in April. Some analysts were still promoting it as stock to buy. Brent Walker, Ratners, Forte and British Aerospace were all big sellers.

Abbey National has extended its own share-dealing services to all shares quoted on the London Stock Exchange. It has already completed more than one million deals in popular shares since it was started four years ago.

ShareLink has analysed share purchases and sales for the past 15 months. Included among the buys is Burton Group, the retailer, which at one stage was 64.5p and is now at 78.5p. Medeva, the pharmaceuticals company, which more than doubled its share price last year and has managed to escape the damage that has affected other drugs companies, was at 21 in ShareLink's top 30 for 1992. Troubled Eurotunnel was one place above it at number 20.

Mr Bartram said: "It is not our experience that small investors only come in when the market in a share has topped out. There are lots of people looking for recovery potential. Seasoned ex-investors who stayed out for some time when interest rates were high and there was a perception that there was a risk in the markets have been coming back for some months."

Neil Stapley, chief executive of NatWest Stockbrokers, said investors were more astute than they were given credit for. "People are saying 'maybe there is something in owning shares' and they are looking and seeing where there are interesting situations.

"They are looking at situations which very often institutions ignore. Institutions often take a shorter view than the average investor, who often feels the time to buy is when the institutions are sellers. There have been a number of occasions recently where big companies have had bad results. Institutions have sold and the price has fallen but has then gone back up again."

Investors were being more adventurous and were willing to take risks.

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Welcome scrip windfall for unit trust holders

By Margaret Dibben

MANY unit trust investors with high income funds will benefit from an unexpected windfall into their funds this year. Fund managers are enjoying a very welcome boost from the scrip dividends recently issued by several of the companies in which they invest.

About half a dozen large companies including BAT, RTZ, Coats Viyella and Forte, have offered their shareholders the option of taking dividends in the form of cash or as extra shares in the form of scrip dividends which are worth up to 50 per cent more than the cash. BAT shares, widely held in income funds, are paying a cash dividend of 22.6p net while the scrip dividend is worth 33.9p.

This is helping fund managers shore up their own dividend payments which are still under pressure as companies continue to hold or cut their dividends. Marian Collins, fund manager of Barclays Unicorn income funds, said: "We are still getting cut dividends coming through and others are not growing while the companies rebuild their reserves."

Previously, when given the choice between cash or scrip dividends, fund managers always went for cash. But this new breed of scrip dividend is so very attractive that fund managers have changed their attitude and are taking them up. Ms Collins said: "Which ever way you look at it, the fund will receive more and we would be denying our unitholders value if we didn't take the scrip dividends." But there is confusion among fund managers about whether the scrip dividends can be treated as cash, and therefore become available for distribution as income to unitholders, or whether they have to go into the capital account.

JOHN MANNING



"Payouts still cut": Marian Collins of Barclays Unicorn

They are currently checking the position with their tax advisers but most of them believe that they can treat the scrip shares as cash, which is what they want.

The Inland Revenue is ambivalent but appears to say that fund managers can do whatever their advisers recommend. A spokesman said: "If unit trust companies take the scrip dividends they should probably be credited to capital. But it depends on what is proper to each individual fund and what their auditors will accept. On the other hand, if it is proper to put the dividends on the income account, then it can be distributed."

Either way, high income fund managers welcome the windfall. Ms Collins explained: "However they are treated, unit trust investors benefit by us taking the scrip dividends. It certainly does improve the income account for this year."

John Cornes, director of Brown Shipley, the merchant bank, said: "1992 was a difficult year for income unit trust funds and a tremendous number had to cut their distribution. 1993 will again be a tricky year though not as bad as 1992, so that the gifts we have had from the companies which have offered enhanced dividends in scrip form are greatly appreciated by the income fund managers."

Look East for long-term growth

By Rupert Bruce

THE Chancellor may have officially declared the recession over last week, but investment managers are still loath to recommend UK investments as the best bets for the next five to 10 years.

A straw poll among managers showed them to a man expecting investments in the emerging markets of the Far East and Latin America to show the most capital growth over the long term.

But most warn that these markets are volatile and advise all but the most risk-happy investors to buy international balanced funds. They are a mixture of bonds and shares in different markets — normally with a heavy UK weighting — and are likely to have a much more stable performance. They also have the advantage of an investment manager who can shift investments around the globe as times change.

Jeremy Tigue, a director at Foreign & Colonial Management, is typical. He said: "For anyone wanting to make an investment for five to 10 years and forget about it, a global balanced product like Foreign & Colonial Investment Trust is probably ideal. You want to be out of the UK and not dependent on its economy, politicians, or sterling.

"But if you want to take a more speculative approach you can go for a global emerging market fund like Templeton or Genesis run."

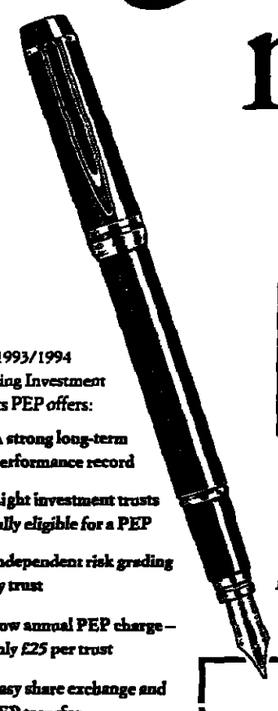
Richard Royds, managing director of Mercury Fund Managers, preferred the Far East, excluding Japan, to other emerging markets because China is growing rapidly. "We have the Mercury Portfolio with a balance of bonds and equities. It is ideal if people just want to lock their money away. It is something that has the same asset allocation as the Mercury private clients."

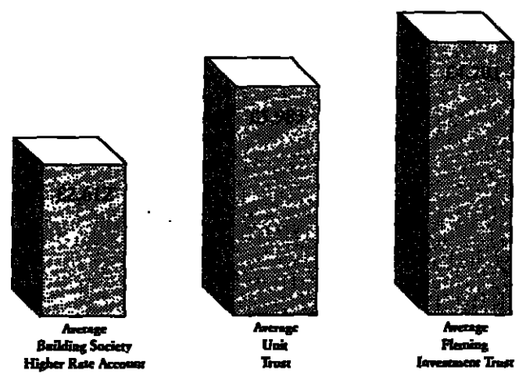
Clive Bootham, managing director of Schroder Unit Trusts, also recommended a global balanced product, the Schroder World Fund. He justified the fund's weighting of up to 60 per cent in UK equities not on grounds of performance, but "because you want to have a bias towards the UK because that is where the ultimate spending is going to be done". This is important because an investment in Britain has the closest correlation with a UK investor's rising cost of living.

Gartmore Fund Managers and Fidelity Investments, the other two investment managers questioned, both regarded the Far East, excluding Japan, as most promising. Fidelity said cautious investors should buy its global balanced PMS Growth Portfolio. Gartmore said cautious investors should buy one of its regional Far East funds, while the speculative should buy a pure Hong Kong fund.

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Investors are suffering 'information overload'

BY SARA MCCONNELL

INVESTORS are being sold unsuitable life assurance, pensions and unit trusts because they are given too much complex, and in some cases, misleading information, the Securities and Investments Board was told in a report this week.

The report was commissioned and published by SIB, whose chairman is Andrew Large, as part of a radical review of its disclosure rules. Earlier disclosure proposals for life assurance and pensions drawn up by SIB and the Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation, which regulates marketing activities, have been attacked by the Office of Fair Trading for being "significantly anti-competitive", particularly for failing to say how much of investors' money went to pay charges and expenses.

SIB's proposals and the OFT report on these are being considered by the Chancellor.

Tim Miller, author of the report, said that many of the proposals put forward to help investors instead gave them "information overload" from the moment they walked into a broker's office to the time they finally signed on the dotted line.

Salesmen should be compelled to produce a simple status card, saying that they were either a sales representative, working on behalf of one company and only selling that company's policies, or an independent financial adviser, working on the customer's behalf and offering a range of different company policies. The existing client's guide that explains this is too long, Mr Miller says. Sales representatives should not be allowed to call themselves company representatives or appointed representatives, which confuses their status for investors.



Watchdog: Andrew Large, chairman of the Securities and Investments Board

Investors should also have the right to keep a copy of the fact find, filled in by the adviser with details of their client's personal circumstances. Reasons for the adviser's recommendations should be incorporated into the fact find, which they do not have to be at the moment.

General information about the charges, expenses, death benefits, and surrender values at all stages of the policy should be shown in a general illustration. Fourteen days after choosing a policy, the investor buying life assurance or pension policies should be sent a specific illustration, showing the impact of charges and expenses in the investor's own case and giving him or her the option to cancel.

As now, life offices should use standard growth rates to illustrate possible growth on policies rather than the rate their investments have actually achieved. Mr Miller believes companies should use only one low, growth rate. Now, they can use an upper and a lower standard rate, but this has led many to believe that these rates are guaranteed which they are not.

In a separate development, SIB is to reduce the standard rates. These were set when the Financial Services Act was first implemented in 1988 and now look too high as lower inflation has led to lower returns on life offices' underlying investments.

Companies will now have to calculate growth on life assurance policies using a lower rate of 5 per cent instead of 7 per cent and an upper rate of 10 per cent instead of 10.5 per cent. Growth projections on pensions will be calculated at 6 per cent instead of 8.5 per cent and 12 per cent instead of 13 per cent. Dates for implementing these changes and details about technical changes will be announced within the next two weeks.

SIB said this week it would not implement any part of its proposed disclosure regime, even that considered acceptable by the OFT, until it had a response from the Treasury. It will also consider the contents of Mr Miller's report.

Pressure group spawns private bank watchdog

CUSTOMERS experiencing problems with banks have another potential source of advice to turn to after the launch of the Independent Banking Advisory Service (Ibas) this week (Sara McConnell writes).

Ibas is offering help to all personal and business banking customers. A booklet outlining the group's services says customers should ask themselves whether the bank is "levying unreasonable charges" on the accounts or whether they "lack the confidence that the interest charges on their account are correct". If the bank has a charge over a property, customers should ask themselves if they fear that the bank will try to repossess it.

Customers who have this sort of problem, or think they might have, will be charged an initial fee of £25 a year if they are personal customers or £45 a year if they are business customers, to consult Ibas.

The service will have three people handling initial queries at its office in Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire. It says will also have specialists, including accountants and solicitors, to deal with more complex problems.

This could lead to more charges, but Eddy Weatherill, Ibas's chief executive, could not give an indication of what these might be. He did say Ibas would be a profit-making organisation. Lawyers working for Ibas would give an initial half-hour consultation free of charge. Ibas is hoping to negotiate discounts for those needing further consultations.

The founders of Ibas are all members of the southern branch of the Bank Action Group (Bag), a banking pressure group formed last year, mainly to help small businesses. Mr Weatherill said the 1,500 existing members of Bag (Southern) would get automatic membership of Ibas, which is aiming to attract between 2,000 and 3,000 new members.

Mr Weatherill stressed that Ibas was not intended to be another pressure group but would be set up as a long-term advisory service.

The Consumers Association, which has long been highlighting banks' shortcomings and campaigning on personal customers' behalf, said groups such as Ibas were welcome if they were of high quality, but their usefulness depended on the quality of their advice.

Jean Eaglesham, who is the head of money policy at the Consumers Association, said: "If a group has a small membership and few research facilities, it could mean a few funny T-shirts for members and that's it.

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Families face poverty trap of inadequate insurance

BY SARA MCCONNELL

INADEQUATE life assurance cover can spell poverty for families where one partner dies before retirement, according to a survey published this week.

The survey, carried out by Gallup for Legal & General, the insurance company, found that although about two out of three households where one partner was widowed early had life cover, in most cases the cover was inadequate.

Nearly two thirds of the women interviewed who said they had found it difficult to cope financially after the death of their husband had received a lump sum from a life assurance policy but found it was either not nearly enough or not quite enough.

Half the men surveyed found income or lump sums from a life policy inadequate. Gallup surveyed 233 widows and 50 widowers aged between 25 and 55 and aged under 50 when their partner died. They had been widowed for between one and 20 years and had been left with at least one dependent child.

L&G said the findings of the survey showed the life assurance industry had failed to convince families of the need for simple term assurance. Term assurance policies pay out a lump sum on death but unlike endowment policies will not pay out anything if the policyholder does not die during the term of the policy, so the person paying the premiums does not benefit in his or her lifetime.

Legal & General believes too many people may have been sold endowment policies, which pay out on death but also pay a lump sum on maturity to the policyholder. Endowment premiums are higher than term assurance premiums. More than 50 per cent of widowed mothers under 55 have an income of less than £10,000 a year and one in four widows loses at least three quarters of the family's income after the death of their partner.

One in seven men lost three quarters of household income after the death of their wife, mainly because they had given up work to look after children.

The survey found women widowed before they were 50 were significantly worse off than men whose wives died early. The average income of a widower is £20,833, more than 80 per cent higher than that of a widow.

The survey said: "Few families had considered how they might cope if either partner died. 45 per cent of respondents had never discussed the sort of financial provision they might need while 23 per cent had done so only rarely."

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Try a double transaction to skirt National Savings minimum deposit

From Mrs M. Barger
Sir, As a grandparent I, too, object to being put over a barrel by the minimum £10 or £20 deposit rule. With as many grandchildren as I have, a fiver each represents quite an outlay for a pensioner.

But if you take the child with you and withdraw the amount necessary to make up the £10 or £20 minimum deposit, you can then deposit your gift and the withdrawal.

Two transactions instead of just one might persuade the National Savings account managers to change their minds.

Yours faithfully,
M. BARGER,
68 South Hill Park,
NW3.

Regrets — a few, but taxpayers expect efficiency

From the Director of Savings, National Savings
Sir, I am sorry that Mr Peter Cowtan, (Letters, April 24) has decided to close his children's National Savings investment accounts. The government's decision to increase the minimum deposit to £20 for the investment account was taken to help reduce our running costs. We have to keep in mind that we are financed by taxpayers who expect us to be run economically and efficiently.

Although it is no comfort to Mr Cowtan, I must add that the return of 6.25 per cent pa gross for deposits of £20 upwards in our investment account is very good indeed.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID BUTLER,
Director of Savings,
National Savings,
Department for National Savings,
Charles House,
375 Kensington High Street,
W14.

This policy penalises the less well-off

From Mrs Jean Owen
Sir, I agree with Mrs Ann Alderson (Letters, May 1).

Two years ago, I wrote to the controller of National Savings to complain that I could no longer buy premium bonds for my young relations and godchildren except in blocks of £100.

In his reply, he told me that, while it was uneconomical to sell bonds in small amounts, I could still buy them for children in blocks of £10. He added a gratuitous note to the effect that I would do better to buy savings certificates. He missed the point. I now find that even that concession has been taken away, and the minimum buy is £100-worth of bonds.

This is very short-sighted: some bureaucratic whim penalises the less well-off and removes the fun of a harmless flutter.

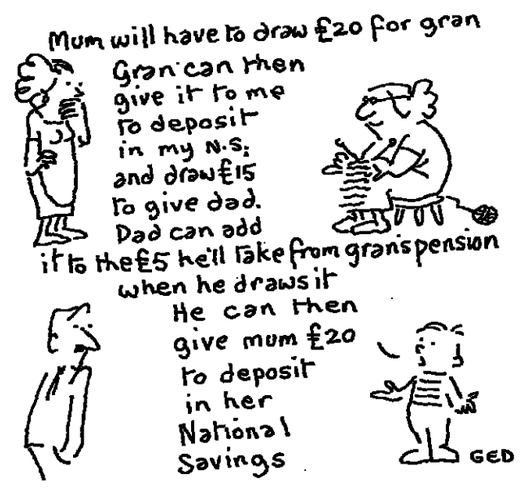
Surely, in these days of computerisation, small buys need not be uneconomic. Can the customer not be right?

Yours faithfully,
JEAN OWEN,
6 Dodds Mead,
Haslingfield,
Cambridgeshire.

Time well spent on investing in future

From Dr I. H. Barclay
Sir, If I was a local real estate agent valuing local homes for "banding" purposes by the local council, I would feel it was time well invested for the future of my business — would not you?

Sincerely,
IAN H. BARCLAY,
Woodlands,
Hindon Lane,
Tisbury,
Wiltshire.



Alternative view on pension fund surpluses

From M. J. Jones
Sir, I was somewhat concerned to read your article "Raids on funds and early retirement eat into surpluses" (Weekend Money, May 1). While I would wholeheartedly agree with your criticism of some of the abuses in pension schemes, it is important to bear in mind there are two sides to the argument on use of surplus, and the purpose of this letter is to put an alternative viewpoint.

First, it is important to distinguish between taking money out of a fund (which is only legally possible if the fund is vastly overfunded on a statutorily defined basis) and reducing the amount put into a well funded scheme by the employer.

Second, as an actuary, I know that surpluses, however well estimated, can be a transitory feature of a fund. A relatively small change in the assumptions that we make about future events can turn a surplus into deficiency, as can adverse experiences in areas such as investment performance, salary increases and pension increases.

This potentially transitory aspect of a surplus is extremely important in considering how the surplus should be used. If the surplus is used to improve benefits then the change is irreversible. If the surplus turns into deficiency, the benefits cannot or will not be reduced, either for legal or industrial relations reasons. Neither is it easy to increase members' contributions if there is a deficiency.

On the other hand, if a surplus is used to reduce the employers' contributions, the situation can and will be easily reversed by increasing the contributions again if a deficiency arises.

There is a danger, therefore, that employers are expected to make up deficencies but not take advantage of surpluses!

Having said all that, there is an argument for the employer taking advantage of the surplus by taking a smaller reduction over a reasonably long period, say ten years. In this way, the surplus is used up more slowly and, if the financial position of the scheme worsens, the situation is more easily recouped.

Yours faithfully,
M. J. JONES,
10 Melville Avenue,
South Croydon, Surrey.

International links to Barclaycard

From the Managing Director of Barclaycard
Sir, Simon Cox's phone call marathon reporting the loss of his Barclaycard (Weekend Money, April 17) could, as you rightly say, have been avoided if he had taken the precaution of having the telephone number of Barclaycard International Rescue (081 667 1393) or Barclaycard's lost and stolen card department (0604 230230) with him on his visit to the United States.

Alternatively, he could have called international directory enquiries and obtained the telephone numbers of the international Visa or MasterCard centres in the United States.

How Mr Cox came to make 30 to 40 telephone calls is a mystery: the international numbers are available at any bank branch displaying a Visa or MasterCard logo.

When he eventually contacted the Visa and MasterCard centres his Barclaycards were cancelled immediately. When, two days later, he contacted Barclaycard International Rescue arrangements were made to send him emergency cash and he received $150 within four hours.

Yours sincerely,
BOB POTTS,
Managing Director,
Barclaycard,
Barclays Bank Plc,
Johnson Smirke Building,
4 Royal Mint Court,
EC3.

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Enhanced scrip dividends and small trust shareholdings

From Mr J. G. Ash
Sir, Mr Mitchell (Letters, April 20) is right but does not go far enough.

A trustee holder of shares may be in a position where it is not possible for him, within the terms of the trust, to take scrip dividends because the life beneficiary is entitled to income, but capital will go to someone else. To offer enhanced value to some shareholders, which others of the same class are unable to accept, will thus amount to unequal treatment, and is probably not in accordance with the articles of association. Even where there is a related offer to buy the scrip it is at a reduced value.

For small trust shareholdings, with which I am concerned, it is not economic to take action to stop a step which is probably *ultra vires*. Is there any trustee with a large holding willing to take action? Otherwise it would seem that small shareholders will once again be disadvantaged.

Yours faithfully,
J. G. ASH,
14 Highdown Road, SW15.

The Northern Rock Building Society is offering a discount of 3.01 per cent, giving a rate of 4.98 per cent, off the society's variable base rate. This is guaranteed until June 1, 1994, for borrowers needing a loan of no more than 75 per cent of the property's value. Those wanting to borrow 90 per cent will get a discount of 2.01 per cent off the standard variable rate until June 1994, giving a rate of 5.98 per cent. A discount of 0.75 per cent, giving a rate of 7.24 per cent is on offer for those borrowing 95 per cent. There is an arrangement fee of £95 and borrowers will have to take out the society's buildings and contents insurance.

☐ The eighth issue of Chelsea Building Society's Premier Account offers 9 per cent gross, 6.75 per cent net annually for investments of £10,000 or above and 8.5 per cent gross, 6.38 per cent net annually for investments of between £5,000 and £9,999. Investors can have the interest paid monthly. Withdrawals are allowed subject to 30 days of written notice and a penalty of 45 days' interest. The rate is fixed until October 1.

☐ General Portfolio has increased its guaranteed income bond rates over two, three, four and five years. The rate on a balance of between £5,000 and £9,999 over five years is 6.5 per cent net annually and 6.12 per cent monthly. On balances of more than £50,000 over five years, the rate is 7 per cent net annually and 6.72 per cent net monthly.

☐ Mercury Fund Managers has cut its initial charge on its government securities funds from 5 to 3 per cent. The annual managment charge is still 1 per cent. The fund can invest up to 30 per cent in fixed-interest securities in any ERM country. The minimum investment is £1,000 lump sum or £50 monthly.

	Nominal rate	Compounded at tax rates 25%	40%	Min/max investment £	Notice	Contact
BANKS						
Ordinary Dep A/c:						
Typical	0.38	0.38	0.30	1,000	7 day	——
Fixed Term Deposits:						
Barclays	3.70	3.70	2.96	25,000-50,000	1 mth	071-626 1567
"	3.75	3.75	3.00	25,000-50,000	3 mth	071-626 1567
Lloyds	3.19	3.19	2.55	10,000-no max	1 mth	Local Brnch
"	3.56	3.56	2.86	10,000-no max	6 mth	Local Brnch
Midland	3.70	3.70	2.96	10,000-100,000	1 mth	0742 528855
" " "	3.89	3.89	3.11	10,000-100,000	3 mth	0742 528855
NatWest	3.47	3.47	2.78	25,000-50,000	1 mth	071-726 1000
" " "	3.56	3.56	2.85	25,000-50,000	3 mth	071-726 1000
HIGH INTEREST CHEQUE ACCOUNTS						
Bank of Scotland MMC	3.46	3.46	2.76	2,500‡	none	031-442 7777
Barclays Prime a/c	1.88	1.88	1.50	2,500‡	none	0604 252891
Co-operative Ultra	0.38	0.38	0.30	500‡	none	071 626 6543
Citibank	3.75	3.82	3.06	2,000‡	none	0800 559364
Lloyds HICA	0.38	0.38	0.30	10,000	none	0272 433372
Midland HICA	1.50	1.50	1.20	2,000‡	none	0742 528855
NatWest Special Reserve	1.13	1.13	0.90	500‡	none	0800 200 400
Royal Bank of Scot Prem A/c	1.50	1.51	1.21	2,000‡	none	031-556 8555
TSB Bank HICA	1.88	1.88	1.50	2,000‡	none	071-600 6000
BUILDING SOCIETIES						
Ordinary Share A/c	0.75	0.75	0.60	50+	none	——
Best buy — largest socs:						
Britannia	5.29	5.29	4.23	10,000 min	Postal	——
Britannia	5.44	5.44	4.35	25,000 min	Postal	——
Northern Rock	6.04	6.04	4.83	50,000 min	30 day	——
Alliance & Lstr	5.76	5.76	4.62	100,000 min	90 day	——
Leeds Permnt	5.81	5.81	4.65	100,000 min	1 year	——
Best buy — all socs:						
North of England	5.63	5.63	4.50	25,000 min	Postal	——
Northern Rock	5.85	5.85	4.68	25,000 min	90 day	——
Marsden	6.00	6.00	4.80	50,000 min	90 day	——
Scarborough	5.93	5.93	4.74	50,000 min	90 day	——
Gainsborough	5.85	5.85	4.68	2,500 min	1 year	——
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NATIONAL SAVINGS						
Ordinary A/c*	3.75	2.81	2.25	500-10,000	8 day	041-649-4555
Investment A/c*	6.25	4.69	3.75	20-25,000	1 mth	041-649-4555
Income Bond*	7.00	5.25	4.20	2,000-250,000	3 mth	0253 66161
6th Index Linkd*	3.25	3.25	3.25	100-10,000	8 day	091-386 4900
40th Issue Cert*	5.75	5.75	5.75	100-10,000	8 day	091-386 4900
Yearly Plan*	5.75	5.75	5.75	20-400/mth	14 day	091-386 4900
Children's Bond	7.85	7.85	7.85	25-1,000		
Gen Ed Rate†	3.75	3.75	3.75		8	
Capital Bond*	7.75	5.81	4.65	100-250,000	8 days	041-649-4555
1st Option Bond	4.75	4.75	3.80	250,000		
GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS						
General Portfolio	5.10	5.10	4.34	20,000 min	1 yrs	Figures from
Financial Ass	5.90	5.90	5.01	50,000 min	2 yrs	Chase de
Financial Ass	6.40	6.40	5.44	50,000 min	3 yrs	Vere
Financial Ass	6.65	6.65	5.65	50,000 min	4 yrs	071 404 5768
General Portfolio	7.00	7.00	5.95	50,000 min	5 yrs	for details

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RPI (March 92-93)	+1.9%	Spanish Pesetas:	174.75
Bank Base Rate	6%	French Francs:	8.08
Personal Loan	28%	Greek Drachmas:	324.00
Credit Card	25 - 27%	Italian Lire:	2232.00

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Allied Trust	6.10	£3,243.00	£25+2mths notice	£3,000	071 2636111
Dunfermline	6.00	£3,240.00	1 mths notice+loss	£3,000	0383 721621
St Pancras	6.00	£3,240.00	£25+30days notice	£10	071 7942331
Nat Counties	7.50	£3,237.00	90 Days loss	£3,000	0372 742211
Tipton & Coly	7.85	£3,235.50	£20+7days notice	£1	021 5572551

* 2.5% for balances below £500, but £70 of interest tax free; instant access for withdrawals of £100 of less. ‡ Additional holdings up to £50,000 for investors re-investing proceeds of existing matured certificates. †Tax free. *Interest double paid gross. §Higher rates for larger sums. ¤Guaranteed over the rate of inflation

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Retirement, redundancy and inheritance are providing an increasing number of people with a lump sum to invest. A year ago most investors would have been happy to deposit it in a building society account where it was possible to earn 8 to 10 per cent. Since then interest rates have tumbled and many investors are now looking for alternatives, particularly those who rely on their savings to provide income.

Alan Mackay, a director of Noble Lowndes, the financial advisers, says: "There is no doubt that investors are veering away from building societies and are prepared to tolerate higher risk, such as in a personal equity plan, if they believe it is going to provide a higher return."

There is no shortage of other organisations eager to attract investors' money away from building societies. The government is one of them. It needs to borrow around £50 billion this year and wants to encourage the public to chip in by buying National Savings products and gilts.

To help reawaken interest in gilts, the Bank of England has produced a free booklet for the private investor. It has extended the list of stock that can be bought cheaply through the National Savings stock register via the Post Office and lifted the limit on purchases from £10,000 to £25,000.

Gilts used to be an important element of most investors' portfolios, but the high levels of inflation during the 1970s and 1980s severely diminished their appeal. However, with inflation now low — though nobody is sure for how long — and long-dated gilt yields at around 8 per cent, investors could find them attractive.

> 'Investors may be sucked into products by marketing hype'

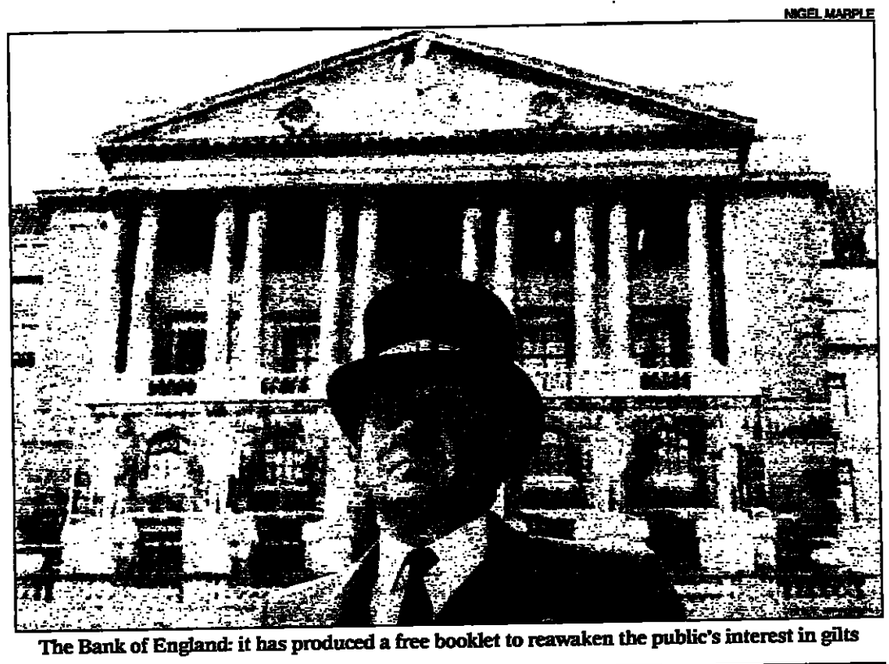
The government is competing against the insurance industry, which has a whole battery of lump sum investment bonds on offer. With-profits bonds and guaranteed equity bonds have been among the top sellers because they seem to offer investors the prospect of gaining from a rising stock market without the risk of losing capital. But investors need to look carefully at the costs involved and at the small print of any guarantees. There is generally a 6 per cent upfront charge on an insurance bond. The future bonuses on a with-profits bond are not guaranteed and, if market conditions are unfavourable when you cash in, insurers reserve the right to adjust payouts accordingly. Bonds that guarantee a percentage return in line with the FTSE 100 share index rarely include an allowance for dividend income, so you will not enjoy the full rewards of a stock market investment. After five long, lean years since the 1987 stock market crash, lower interest rates have made unit trust yields more competitive, particularly when the income can be obtained tax free through a PEP.

Investment trust companies are equally anxious to maintain the progress they have achieved in recent years in attracting back private investors through their low-cost savings and lump-sum investment schemes. The building societies are fighting back, launching a constant stream of new accounts, among which postal accounts are proving particularly popular.

However, David Major, tax partner at accountants Touche Ross, is concerned that investors may be sucked into products by the current marketing hype without considering them in the context of their overall financial position. "Someone who has been made redundant needs his capital to be secure and easy to get at, so he should stick to short-term deposits," he says. "Retired people have to think longer term. They should try to avoid becoming so income-oriented that they forget about capital growth and the need to protect their money from inflation."

Mr Mackay agrees: "Investors still need to keep some money handy in a building society account for emergencies. They should make sure that their investments are tax efficient and not put all their eggs in one basket."

NIGEL MARPLE



The Bank of England: it has produced a free booklet to reawaken the public's interest in gilts

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National Savings offer a wide range of certificates, bonds and savings accounts through post offices or by writing to centres at Durham, Glasgow, Blackpool and Lytham St Anne's in Lancashire. Four tax-free investments are now available. The sixth index-linked savings certificates offer interest in line with the retail price index, plus extra interest of 3.325 per cent per annum compound when the certificates are held for five years. The fortieth issue of savings certificates pays 5.75 per cent per annum compound when held for five years. For both types of certificates, the minimum purchase is £100 with additional amounts in units of £25.

Children's Bonus Bonds, which can be bought by anyone aged 16 or over, for children under 16, are also tax-free. The bonds pay 7.85 per cent per annum compound when held for five years, providing a good way for people to give money to grandchildren. Investors will be notified, after five years, of further guaranteed returns before each following anniversary until the recipient's 21st birthday. The bonds can be bought in multiples of £25 up to a total holding of £1,000. With Premium Bonds, return of capital is guaranteed and each £1 bond has a one in 15,000 chance of winning when Ernie, the electronic machine, picks winners at random.

Nick Bamford, a partner of Weybourne Financial Services, an independent financial adviser, says: "In a time of falling interest rates, a flutter on Premium Bonds might be worthwhile — there are 160,000 tax-free prizes a month, from £50 to £250,000."

Investors can speculate from £100 to £20,000. Bonds are eligible for prize draws three months after calendar purchase. National Savings also operates a stock register for government stocks or "gilts". Gilts are Stock Exchange securities issued by the government and usually have a life of 20 years or less. They pay dividends twice a year throughout this period. At the end of their life, they are redeemed at face value.

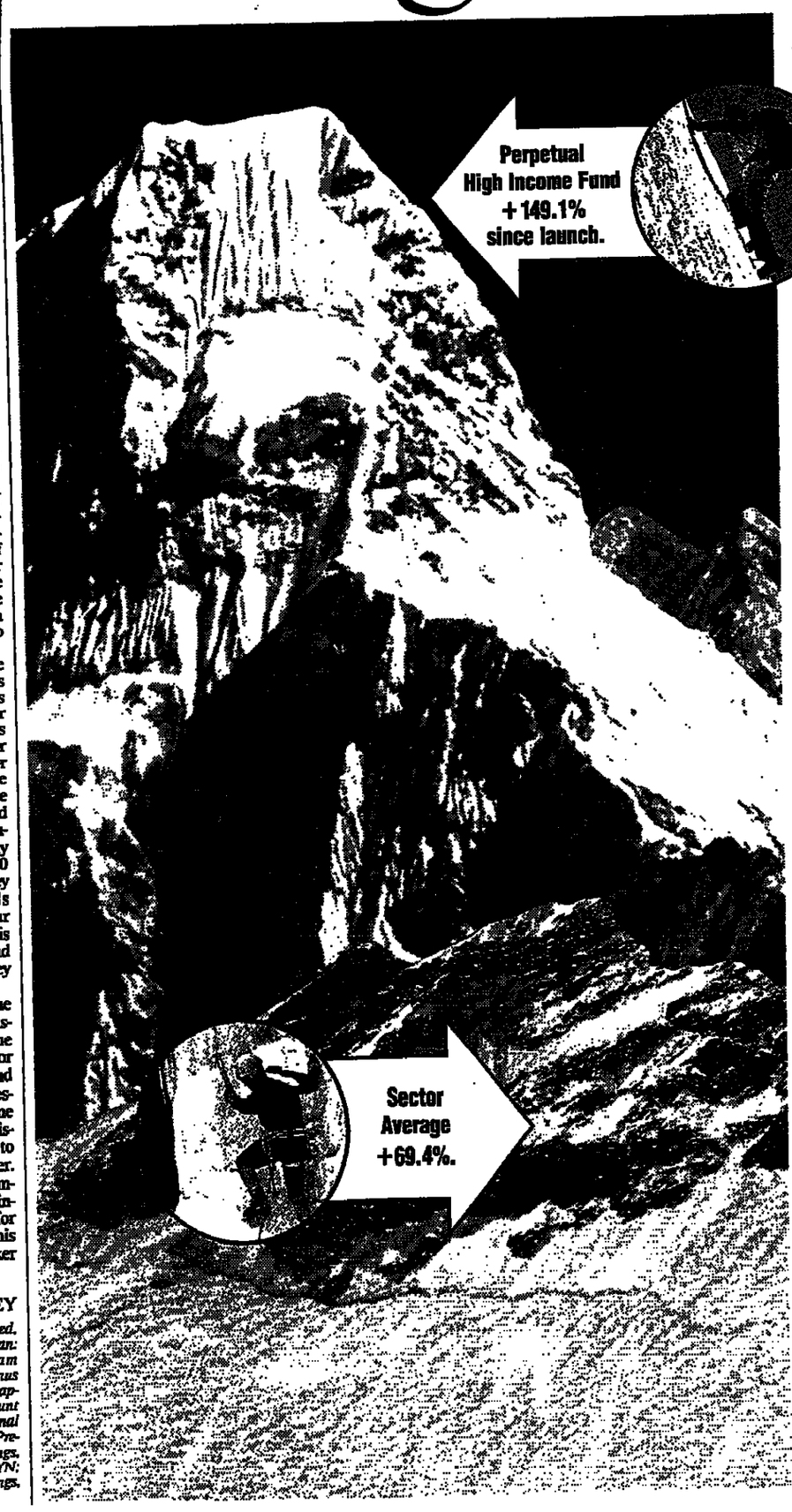
> The bonus bonds can benefit the young

Any gilts listed on the National Savings stock register pay interest in full, so if the investor is a taxpayer, he or she must notify the Inland Revenue of earnings. Investors can buy gilts on the National Savings stock register by post, without having to go through a stockbroker. Transactions cost £1 in commission for the first £250 invested, and a further 50p for every additional £125. This compares with stockbroker charges of £15 to £20.

JILL INSLEY

● *Details of sixth index-linked, fortieth issue and Yearly Plan: National Savings, Durham DH99 1NS; Children's Bonus Bonds, First Option Bonds, Capital Bonds, Investment Account and Ordinary Account: National Savings, Glasgow G58 1SB; Premium Bonds: National Savings, Lytham St Anne's FY0 1YN; Income bonds: National Savings, Blackpool FY3 9YP*

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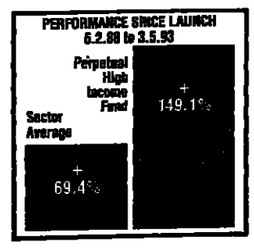
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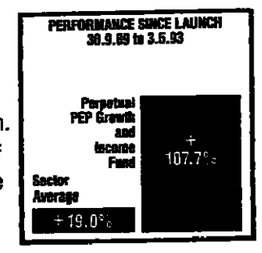
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Building societies are aware of the challenge they face. John Wriglesworth, the building society analyst at UBS, the stockbrokers, says: "Societies know they have to come up with innovative products if they are to retain savers."

Building society savers outnumber borrowers by six to one. But most funds are kept in a relatively small number of accounts. In mid-1992, only 9 per cent of accounts had balances of more than £10,000, but these accounted for 69 per cent of building society total investments. These are the investors whom societies have to keep happy.

Jennifer Kirkby, Bradford & Bingley's marketing development manager for retail funds, believes societies have to be careful about how they tackle this problem. She says: "Our research shows that investors do not want to be attracted to an account by very high rates, which are then allowed to become uncompetitive."

Investors certainly need to keep on their toes to make sure they are getting the best deal. One way of improving your returns if you have small amounts in several accounts is to pool your money in one account where, as a larger sum, it will earn a higher rate of interest.

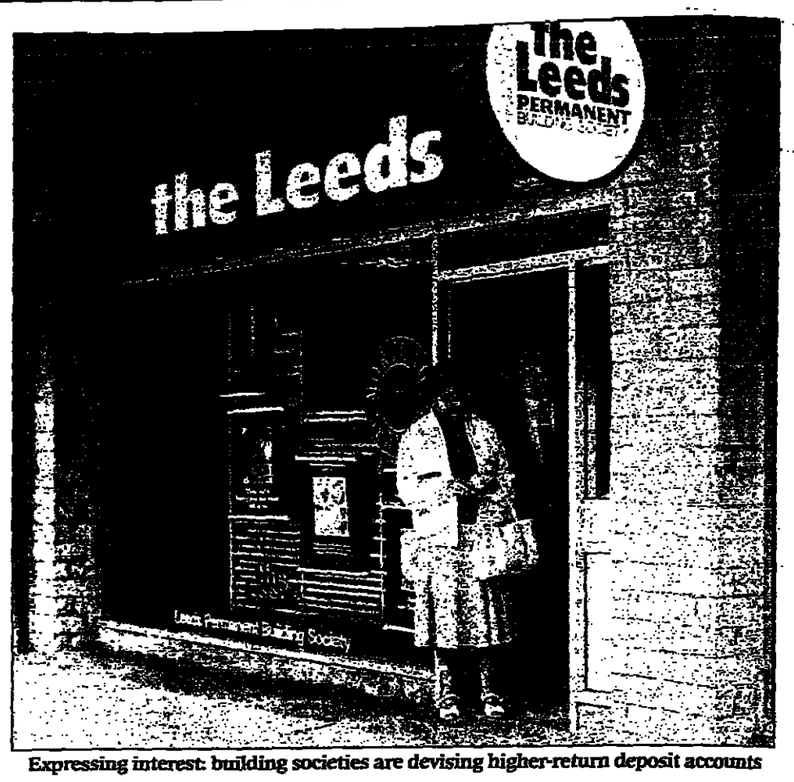
Finding out which society is offering the best rates is not always easy because new accounts are being started continually. Vicky Burns, of Moneyfacts, a rate-monitoring company, says: "The latest trends among societies are postal accounts and accounts that give extra annual bonuses if savers make no withdrawals."

Another recent innovation is the increasing-interest bond. Bristol & West and Abbey National offer five-year bonds giving a fixed rate of interest guaranteed to rise by a certain amount each year.

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Some of the best monthly income accounts are postal accounts. They include Bradford & Bingley's Direct Notice, 30-day notice account, which pays 7.25 per cent on investments starting at £10,000, Britannia's Capital Trust account and Yorkshire Building Society's First Class Return account. One of the newest postal accounts is run by Nationwide. Customers make deposits by post, but are offered a cashcard to make immediate withdrawals through a cash machine at branch offices.

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Ernest Fenton, previously a stockbroker, has just been appointed director-general of the Association of Investment Trust Companies. He advises: "Large generalist investment trusts that have been around for a long time and have a good track record are a sensible basis for anybody's portfolio, whether a starter buying equities or a professional investor. But, problems arise when people cannot differentiate between a good solid general trust and trusts for very specific purposes."


Ben Siddons: warning

Ben Siddons, managing director of Kleinwort Investment Trust Management, has spearheaded a move to highlight the risks. He has warned investors against reinvesting their dividends from ordinary shares because, in a falling stock market, they could lose their capital. "However, split level investment trusts give a tremendous opportunity to people who want capital growth or income. This is why we want to preserve the integrity of these products," he says.

When a split capital investment trust is wound up, as they all are after a fixed number of years, the fund needs to have earned enough money over the years to pay back all shareholders.

Mr Siddons explains: "A lot of trusts with up to ten-year lives have to grow at 10 per cent or 11 per cent a year to get the money back. The danger is that people with PEPs think they have a store of tax-free wealth, but they could suddenly find they get no capital back, apart from a huge dividend at the end."

To help investors keep track of whether the fund is on target, the AITC publishes "hurdle rates" which show how much each fund must earn every year to have enough assets at the end to repay all shareholders.

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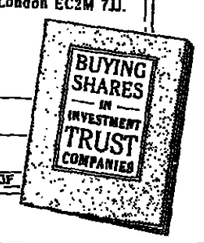
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Unit trusts snap back into popularity

Unit trusts have reached record sales, boosted by their image as a safe share-buying scheme. Helen Pridham reports

Investors looking beyond their building society accounts are clearly finding unit trusts an attractive alternative. Unit trust companies reported record sales of more than £4 billion during the first quarter this year, bringing the total amount invested in unit trusts to an all-time high of £70.7 billion.

The returns offered by trusts are running at a competitive 4 to 6 per cent, though some specialist funds are quoting yields of up to 10 per cent. Investors can also get tax-free income through a personal equity plan.

Julian Tregoning, the new chairman of the Association of Unit Trust and Investment Funds, believes that 1993 could be the start of a new era for unit trusts. He says: "In the past, investors have tended to lurch between building societies and unit trusts, often getting their timing wrong and moving into unit trusts when the stock market was too high. But it looks as though we are now at the beginning of a prolonged period of lower interest rates, and equities are offering very good value."

Not surprisingly, most of the interest this year has centred on high-income funds. Most trusts pay their income half-yearly, which can be reinvested if not required immediately. But an increasing number of unit trusts are offering funds paying quarterly or monthly income. Monthly income is obtainable from funds such as Buckmaster High Income and Commercial Union's Monthly Income Plus fund. Fidelity and M&G have recently launched monthly income funds with yields of 5.78 per cent and 4.3 per cent, respectively.

Past performance shows that UK equity income funds have traditionally been among the best performing in the industry, though they are not without their ups and downs. Last year, for example, many funds lost ground and had to reduce their income payments following cuts in companies' dividend payments. Nevertheless, an investor who had put £1,000 into the average income fund ten years ago would have seen his income rise from £78 in 1984 to £136 last year, while the value of his capital would have climbed to £3,146.

Japanese funds have been surging ahead in recent weeks

In order to increase income yields and mitigate possible capital fluctuations, some companies are including fixed-interest securities, such as gilts, in their portfolios. Fidelity has a 45 per cent exposure to fixed interest security in its High Income Plan, and Cazenove's Utility and Bond fund, launched in February, is offering a yield of 7 per cent by investing in a combination of utilities stocks, such as water and gas, and gilts. The highest yielding unit trust launched so far this year is Hypo Foreign & Colonial income fund, which offers 10 per cent. It will achieve this income by selling options against its holdings of shares and cash. Unlike a traditional income fund, however, the income is unlikely to grow and while the managers hope to maintain the capital value of the fund, it is not guaranteed.

Another type of income producing unit trust that is increasing in popularity is the global bond fund. These funds are finding favour because they are able to offer relative security with the prospect of some capital growth at the same time. They deal in the bonds of other governments and foreign corporations and aim to gain from currency as well as market movements. The largest fund is Mercury Asset Management's Global bond fund, which has produced a total return over the past year of 24 per cent, partly thanks to sterling's decline at the end of last year. Bond funds are currently yielding an average of 6 per cent.

If you are concerned about how to choose the best investment manager, you could always opt for an index tracker fund. These funds, run by companies such as James Capel, aim to match the performance of the relevant stock market indices, such as the FTSE 100 — a feat that many actively managed funds have failed to achieve in the past.

Many funds invest in overseas stock markets. At the beginning of this year, many investment managers were forecasting that trusts investing in the emerging economies of the Far East, such as Thailand, Malaysia and the Philippines, were those likely to produce the best gains during 1993. But in recent weeks, it has been Japanese funds that have been surging ahead having spent the last couple of years in the doldrums. Those investing in unit trusts should, however, understand that it is a medium to long-term investment.



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The Yashica camera factory, Japan: global bond funds investing overseas are paying dividends

Step carefully, the best policy

Endowment insurance can be a good investment if bought wisely

Sales of lump sum life insurance policies have boomed in recent years. Many people who have lost their jobs have been persuaded to invest their redundancy money in single premium bonds, and in particular unitised with-profits bonds.

According to the Association of British Insurers, £5.025 million has been invested in unitised with-profits bonds over the past two years. Some fear, however, that some insurance salesmen may have led investors to believe bonds are short term investments.

People who have lost their jobs will probably be living off their savings and need easy access to their money. This makes with-profits bonds unsuitable.

For those who have some capital to invest, but are wary of stock market investments, with-profits bonds can be an attractive alternative to unit-linked policies. The value of unit-linked policies is much more closely linked to stock market fluctuations. With-profits bonds provide a smoother growth of capital.

One unusual alternative to with-profits bonds can be found in the second-hand endowment market. Investors can buy traditional with-profits endowment policies part of the way through their term from dealers or at auctions, at a large discount to the value on maturity if payments of the policy premiums are kept up. Raymond Harris, director of Gerald Edelman plc, says secondhand policies can be suitable for wealthy individuals who already have substantial investment portfolios, for self-administered pension funds, for people putting money into trusts for children or for tax planning.

Insurance companies have two basic strategies on profit distribution, through annual bonuses, to their endowment policies. Some declare very generous annual bonuses and less generous terminal bonuses on maturity of the policy. Other offices may leave profits to accrue in the with-profits fund to pay out bigger terminal bonuses.

Mr Harris says the first type of policy suits the more risk-wary investor who likes to know roughly what he will be getting, whereas the second type of policy might appeal to those prepared to gamble on the final bonus.

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Annuities can be ideal to protect capital and income in retirement, **Helen Pridham** writes

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However, Peter Quinton, the director of The Annuity Bureau, the annuity specialists, cautions: "When you invest a lump sum in an annuity you hand over your money for good to the insurance company in return for a guaranteed income. So annuities are only suitable for people who no longer need access to that capital or want to pass it on to their dependants when they die."

Providing this position is understood, Mr Quinton believes there are situations in which annuities can be especially useful, such as where a husband is concerned that his wife should receive a secure income after his death. In this case a joint life annuity can be purchased, which will continue to pay the same income to his wife after he dies.

For elderly people entering a nursing home or requiring home nursing, an annuity can also be attractive. Mr Quinton says: "We were recently able to obtain an 18 per cent return on an annuity for an 85-year-old female client in this position."

Annuity rates are largely determined by long-term returns on gilts. Over the past three years, rates have fallen by around 20 per cent, but they have recently started to increase again, reflecting improving gilt yields. The actual return received by an investor, however, will depend on the person's age and sex. The older you are, the better the return you will receive — and men will get more than women of the same age. Currently a man of 75 can obtain a return of up to 15 per cent while a woman of the same age would get a top annuity rate of around 13 per cent.

This is because insurers base their payments on average life expectancy. As women generally live longer, the income must be spread over a longer period. Also the tax-free element of each annuity payment increases with age. Generally, it is not advisable for men to invest in annuities until they are at least 70, and women 75 or older.

Annuities also have drawbacks. One snag is that as the income is normally fixed, investors will not benefit if interest rates start to increase again, possibly in the medium term — and their capital cannot be invested elsewhere. There is also the risk that the rate of inflation may rise again.

Investors loath to be permanently parted from their capital can avoid this disadvantage by combining a temporary annuity with an investment plan designed to return some or all of their capital back at the end of a fixed term of five or ten years. Clerical Medical, for example, offers a temporary annuity, providing a high fixed income for five years combined with a unit trust PEP. If the PEP grows as assumed, it should be worth enough to replace the original capital, but there is no guarantee.

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Hit or miss? It pays to play the stock market with care in old age

Beware of the ties that bind

Some financial advisers may be pushing the products of favoured companies without regard for the investor

The investor's choice of financial adviser may have an important impact on the type of investments he or she is recommended to make. Banks and building societies have traditionally been regarded as a safe source of financial advice. But all of the high street banks and most building societies have become "tied agents" — they can only recommend the products of one life insurance company. The life insurance company in the tied relationship will be primarily chosen for the commercial benefits to the bank or building society rather than for the customer.

In some cases this does not matter. Britain's largest building society, the Halifax, has tied to Standard Life, an insurance company that has consistently topped the with-profits endowment tables. In comparison, however, the second biggest building society, Nationwide, is tied to Guardian Royal Exchange, whose products are scraping the bottom of the tables.

Investors who want impartial advice on the full range of insurance and investment products should consult an independent financial adviser. These vary enormously in scale of operation, from a one-man band on the high street to large international operations, and may have very different areas of specialisation. To offer advice on investments, they must all be authorised by an approved regulator.

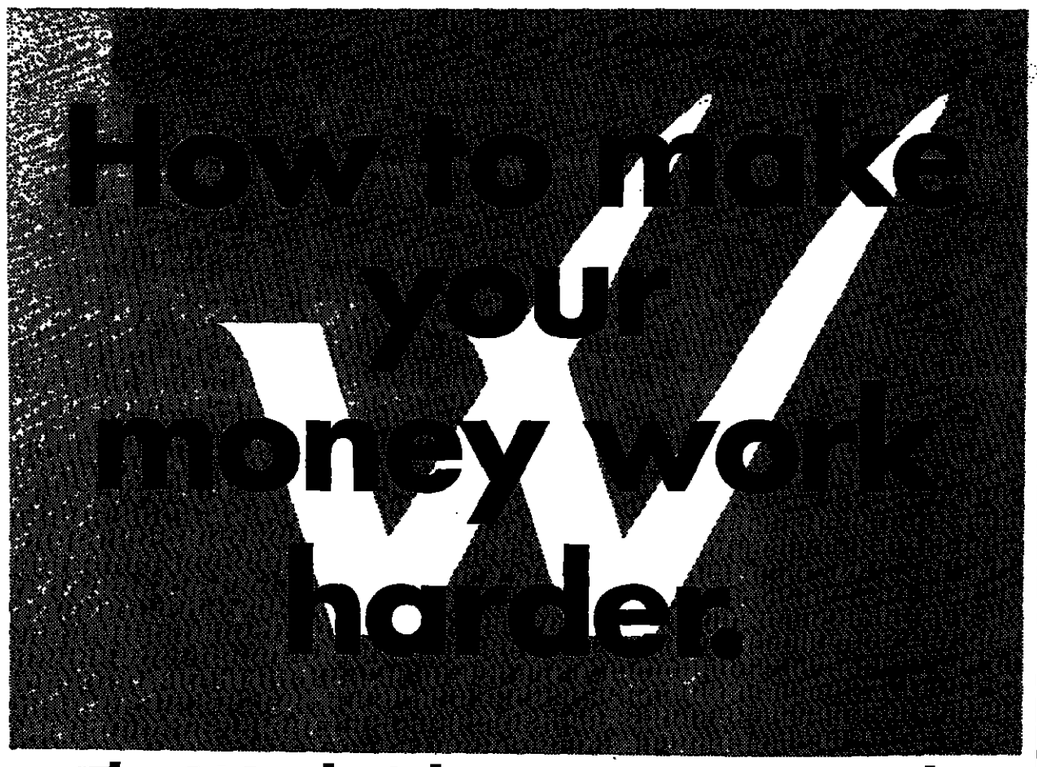
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1990	£396,266	£12,052
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15	Assoc Br Ports	Transport	
16	Br Borneo	Oils, Gas	
17	Lopex	Paper,Print	
18	Wessex Water	Water	
19	Sappi	Paper,Print	
20	Johnson Matth	Industrial	
21	Airtours	Leisure	
22	Vaux Group	Breweries	
23	Waterhouse	Building,Rds	
24	Daniels S	Foods	
25	Welkom	Mining	
26	Treatt	Foods	
27	Harties	Mining	
28	Wagon Ind	Industrial	
29	Wolseley	Industrial	
30	Stirling Gp	Textiles	
31	Park Foods	Foods	
32	MTL Inst	Electrical	
33	Hutch Whamp	Business Serv	
34	YRM	Building,Rds	
35	Johnston	Industrial	
36	Warburg SG	Banks,Disc	
37	Dom & Gen	Insurance	
38	THORN EMI	Electrical	
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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
403	345	Abbey Ntl	400½	+9½	11.5	3.6	15.4
255	179	Allied Irish	232	-4	...	4.9	11.8
176	130	Aust New Z	162½	...	...	5.5	...
3809½	2793½	Bankamerica	2968½	-8½	...	...	...
250	188	Bk of Ireland	221	-1	...	5.4	35.4
325	325	Bk Leumi UK	325	...	17.0	6.5	...
140	116½	Bank Scotland	133	-4	4.5	4.4	-
464	362	Barclays	421	+1	15.1	4.5	-
3½	2	Benchmark	2½	...	...	...	...
52	31	Brown Shipley	35	...	...	...	...
19½	15½	Carlisle	16½	...	...	...	...
485	395	Cater Allen	483	...	26.0	6.7	...
119	85	Coutts	119	...	...	4.4	15.8
2450	1787½	Chase Manh	1931¼	-27½	...	...	...
2043½	1343½	Citicorp	1737¼	...	...	...	...
345	250	Close Bros	334	...	...	3.6	14.0
£125½	9275	Commerzbk	£118½	-100	...	3.3	...
£304½	£250½	Deutsche Bk	£276	-300	...	2.3	...
81	45	First Nat Fin	70	...	...	0.4	64.5
1227	876	Fuji Bank Y	1197	+41	...	...	...
453	343	Gerrard Nat	452	...	21.0	5.8	...
654	490	HSBC	575	-7	19.0	4.1	-
634	474	HSBC HK	559	-8	19.0	4.2	-
356	243	Hambros	339	...	13.8	5.1	15.0
383	313	Joseph (L)	358	...	15.8	5.5	...
128	96	King Shaxson	128	...	5.0	4.9	...
403	312	Kleinwort Ben	384	-1	16.0	5.2	13.3
573	492	Lloyds	517	...	18.4	4.4	14.8
87	63	Lon Scot Bk	86	...	3.0	4.4	17.0
432	322	Nat Aust Bk	420	-1	...	4.8	14.6
485	398	Nat West	454	-2	17.5	4.8	27.6
865	674	Provident	863	...	28.5	4.1	14.9
47	39	Rea Bros	41	...	0.5	1.5	43.6
274	207	Ryl Bk Scot	267	+1	8.8	4.2	...
1975	1335	Schroders	1860	...	22.0	1.5	18.5
758	576	Stand Chart	719	-3	20.0	3.5	...
195	145½	TSB	174	-2	6.4	4.6	...
130	78	Union Disc	130	+4	...	...	...
674	529	Warburg SG	652	+4	18.0	3.5	19.3
227	185	-do- 6% 'A'	218	+1	...	3.4	...
7850	6847½	Wells Fargo	6750 †	+18½	...	1.6	...
163	121	Westpac	161	-2	...	4.7	...
215	188	Wintrust	205	...	9.3	5.7	7.9

BREWERIES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
646	547	Allied-Lyons	555	-5	20.0	4.5	12.9
647	528	Bass	537	+7	18.9	4.4	11.7
272	189	Boddington	272	+1	7.3	3.4	15.9
415	362	Bulmer (HP)	397	...	9.0	2.8	18.3
159	129	Burtonwd Brw	144	+2	4.4	3.9	10.5
307	261	Devenish (JA)	300	...	7.8	3.3	16.9
98	75	Eldridge P 'A'♦	92	...	...	4.4	24.3
68½	52	Fosters Brewing	52½	-1	...	5.2	7.3
380	338	Fullr Sm 'A'♦	378	...	...	2.2	15.9
480	399	Grand Met	429½	+6½	12.3	3.6	14.2
423	388	Greenalls Grp	418	+3	11.7	3.5	13.8
563	505	Greene King	540	...	11.6	2.6	14.3
516	440	Guinness	471 †	-1	...	3.1	16.8
281	230	Hardy Hanson	240	+1	7.9	4.1	13.3
113	108	Heavitree♦	110	...	3.0	3.5	26.4
95	78	-do- 'A' LV♦	95	...	3.0	4.0	22.4
299	255	Highland Distl	287 †	-5	6.0	2.6	19.1
3125	2538	Holt J	2988	...	41.0	1.7	-
56	33	Hoskins Brew	56	...	...	...	40.3
323	250	Invrgordn Dist	267	+2	7.0	3.3	-
186	157	Macallan-Glen	162 †	...	0.9	0.7	36.4
465	375	Macdn Martn 'A'	375	...	8.8	2.9	11.8
740	655	Mansfield	739	...	13.6	2.3	15.9
256	231	Mrstn Thmp	237	-1	4.9	2.6	13.0
435	410	Matthew Clark	411	...	15.7	4.8	12.3
300	255	Mrrydwn W	260	...	...	3.0	16.8
480	455	Morland	480	...	8.4	2.2	19.1
12	8½	Paramount♦	9½	-½	...	2.1	17.3
950	760	SA Breweries	768	...	...	3.2	-
482½	408	Scot & New	465	+1	16.1	4.3	12.7
223	181	Taunton Cider	214	...	...	2.8	20.0
243	213	Vaux Group	243	+4	9.3	4.8	16.8
287	225	Wetherspoon JD	280	...	...	2.1	22.6
497½	435	Whitbread 'A'	495	+8	16.9	4.3	13.9
1180	850	-do- 'B'	875	...	16.9	2.4	24.6
613	561	Wolvrhmptn D	571	+1	11.4	2.5	16.0
515	480	Young 'A'	480	...	14.5	3.8	21.0

BUILDING, ROADS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
115	73	Abbey	115	...	...	1.2	41.5
27	13	Albrighton♦	18	...	...	...	...
106	67	Allen♦	98	...	...	6.4	10.8
99	63	Amec	95 †	...	3.0	3.9	-
9½	4	Anglia Sec	6	...	...	...	...
198	155	Ashtead♦	198	+3	4.1	2.6	24.6
142	108	Attwoods	120	...	5.0	5.3	17.1
238	180	BPB Ind	227	+1	...	4.1	37.7
89	57	Baggeridge Brk	87	-1	3.1	4.5	29.2
31	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	28½	...	0.5	...	...
101	74	Barton	85	-2	1.2	1.8	15.4
147	94	Barratt Devs	145	+1	2.0	1.7	16.1
412	305	Bellway	399	...	...	3.8	22.9
32	15	Bellwinch	28	...	...	...	...
423	295½	Berkeley Gp	402	...	...	1.0	27.7
63	45	Bett Bros	58	...	...	...	2.4
49	36	Blockleys	47 †	...	1.0	2.7	-
257	189	Blue Circle	244 †	+4	11.2	5.8	-
282	230	Bovis (Henry)	280	...	5.9	2.7	15.4
106	78	Breedon PLC	89 †	...	4.6	6.5	21.5
106	82	Br Dredging	103 †	...	5.2	6.3	22.9
75	45	Brit Fittings	70	-1	1.5	2.7	...
149	99	Bryant	145	-2½	4.8	4.1	31.0
75	53	CALA	74	...	2.3	...	...
263	205	CRH	254	-1	...	3.6	16.1
43	27	Cakebread Rby	33	...	...	...	...
36	23	Costain	37	+1	...	3.0	34.9
136	90	Countryside	132	-1	4.1	...	...
63	38	Crest Nicholson	56	-1	0.0	...	...
70	28	Cussins	76	...	...	...	...
3½	1½	Dunton♦	1½	...	...	...	...
25	16½	Edmond Hldgs	19	-1	0.5	3.3	...
238	178	Epwin	225	+1	6.8	3.9	-
48	32	Erith	47	...	0.3	0.9	...
350	252	Eve Group♦	350	...	...	3.5	12.7
58	34	Evered Bardon	56 †	+2	2.0	4.3	27.2
6¼	4½	Explaura♦	4½	...	...	4.7	21.3
140	97	Freeman Gp♦	137	...	...	...	16.9
50	38	Galliford	42	...	4.3	...	...
78	63	Gibbs & Dandy	63	-5	...	2.0	12.7
788	695	Gleeson (MJ)	788	...	12.7	...	...
119½	90	Hewden-Stuart	119 †	...	3½	3.4	-
50	28	Hewetson	30	...	2.6	...	49.8
280	186	Heywd Wlm	261	-1	12.5	6.0	-
85	37	Higgs & Hill	74	...	2.5	4.3	-
35	27	How Gp	30	...	1.5	6.4	...
19	15	Howard Hldgs	18	...	0.5	3.5	...
70	39	Ibstock Johnsen	66	...	1.0	1.9	...
22	14½	Jarvis	18½	-2½	...	...	...
276	196	Laing (J)	273	-2	9.0	4.1	-
83	55	Ln Clydeside♦	66	...	4.5	8.5	24.9
23	10½	Lovell (YJ)	20½	-1	...	...	9.3
307	240	Manders	300	-1	9.0	3.7	18.7
145	93	Marley	136	-4	4.2	3.9	39.9
84	61	Marshalls	84	...	...	7.4	28.1
153	122	Maunders (J)	153	-2	4.9	4.0	14.0
190	96	Mcalpine (A)	189	...	6.5	4.3	32.7
35	27	McCarthy & S	30	...	0.5	...	...
354	272	Meyer Intl	353 †	+8	...	3.5	37.9
4	4	Miskin Gp♦	4	...	...	...	...
125	62	Mowlem (J)	125 †	+1	4.0	4.0	...
78	31	NSM	58	...	...	...	...
53	48	Needler♦	48	...	...	...	...
153	106	Newman Tnks	152	...	...	8.7	23.3
286	197	Persimmon	283	...	...	6.6	20.3
26	22	Phoenix Timber	23	...	8.6	3.8	28.9
1625	1462½	Pochins	1462½	...	29.0	2.5	8.9
115	80	Prowting	114	+1	3.4	3.7	-
6½	3½	Quiligotti♦	4	...	...	...	...
686	553	RMC Gp	685 †	+13	20.0	3.6	-
117	90	Raine Ind	44	-2	6.6	6.0	15.7
36	20	Ramus♦	20	...	...	...	...
499	402	Redland	492 †	+17	25.0	6.4	28.6
75	64	Roskel	68 †	...	4.3	7.9	10.0
269	207	Rugby Group	264	+6	6.4	3.1	-
40	23	Svrild-Rvea	40 †	...	...	...	...
105	68	Sharpe & Fisher	105 †	...	4.8	4.8	-
172	110	Sheffield Insl	171	...	5.4	3.9	27.6
98	82	Sherill Hldgs♦	96	...	...	2.6	14.3
95	66	Shorco♦	75 †	...	...	8.7	-
228	205	Smart (J)	205	...	8.5	5.2	9.3
6½	4½	Sturmin	5½	...	0.3	7.1	6.3
142	103	Tarmac	125	-4	5.5	5.6	...
194	137	Tay Homes	181	...	5.8	4.0	11.6
115	68	Taylor Woodrw	106 †	-1	1.0	1.3	...
533	433	Tilbury Dougls	529	+1	33.0	8.1	-
25	19	Torex Hire♦	24	...	...	2.1	...
221	168	Travis Perkins	221	...	8.0	4.6	-
38	30	Try Group	36 †	...	1.0	3.5	10.3
28	26	Tudor♦	28 †	...	...	1.1	...
68	41	Vibroplant	58	-3	3.6	7.8	10.7
45	20	Ward Hldgs	44	+1	...	...	...
36	25	Waterhouse	30	+2	...	...	...
475	360	Watts Blake	435	...	10.7	3.1	18.4
14	8	Wescol♦	13	...	...	...	...
152	90	Westbury	135	...	...	4.5	...
12	4½	West Scaffold♦	9	...	...	...	...
12	5	Wiggins	9 §	...	...	...	...
461	371	Wilson Bowdn	452 †	...	8.7	2.4	31.0
205	147	Wilson (C)	196	-3	3.9	2.5	-
184	107	Wimpey G	170	...	5.2	3.9	-
43	25	YRM	43	+3	4.0	...	5.0

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	463	ADT	585	...	...	...	-
228	196	Adam & Harvey	213	...	11.0	6.5	3.3
92	56	Air London♦	67	...	...	6.7	8.1
50	37	African Lakes	44 †	...	2.0	5.7	...
175	125	Aris Sec	171 †	+2	3.3	3.9	-
108	84	BET Ord	100	...	...	8.1	14.6
83	41	BNB Res	83	+3	4.9	7.4	-
318	258	BPP	288	...	8.0	3.5	15.9
285	235	Barbour Index	235	-10	7.2	3.9	17.4
20	15	Bousteed	18	...	0.7	5.0	-
236	184	Brit Data Mgt	230	-2½	...	2.2	19.2
14	11	Broadcastle♦	14	...	...	...	11.2
73	54	Brooks Service	65	-3	...	...	...
104	86	CRT Gp	89	...	2.4	3.4	10.2
173	139½	Capita Group	169	...	...	1.6	8.8
40	31	Cathet Plc	37½	-½	0.5	1.7	14.3
55	40	Chiltern Capital	49	...	...	...	...
51	28	Christie	43	-3	...	...	...
285	228	Chubb Sec	274	-1	...	1.3	30.3
39	18	Comace♦	36	...	...	5.4	...
18½	6½	Corp Services	16½	...	...	...	...
80	50	Dart	80	...	3.3	5.2	9.1
231	198	Davis Service	222	+1	...	4.3	-
104	85	EW Fact♦	94	+1	4.3	5.7	10.8
25	11	Gardiner	24	+½	0.6	3.5	16.6
44	20	Gardner (DC)	39	-1	...	...	...
246	225½	Hays	228 †	-1	4.6	2.5	22.4
220	175	Hogg Robinsn	193	...	6.3	4.1	14.5
70	55	Holmes Protectn	55	...	...	...	3.6
167	127	Hutch Whamp	167	+7	...	2.8	-
£120½	9650	ISS B DKr	£100½	-162½	...	1.1	14.1
637	532	Inchcape	584 †	+3	...	2.9	19.8
863	669	Johnson Clean	825	...	25.7	3.9	-
12	2½	Lep	8	-½	...	...	...
244	173	Mitie Gp	210	...	2.7	1.6	17.3
1187	883	Manpower	1033	...	...	...	...
44½	40½	Michael Page	41¼	+½	1.8	5.4	17.6
279	217	Pennon♦	223	...	...	0.9	69.2
4½	2	Prime People♦	2½	-½	...	...	...
142	85	Prosdtion Alex	103	-2	12.0	15.5	-
423	375	RCO	375	...	12.8	4.6	12.9
118	113	RRA	113	...	4.0	4.4	...
90	43	Reed Executive	90	+1	...	...	...
156	113	Reliance Sec♦	114	...	...	4.9	11.5
238	196	Rentokil	199	+2	2.3	1.5	24.8
278	240	Rolfe & Nolan	261	...	6.2	3.0	17.5
399	343	Salvesen (C)	371	...	7.0	2.4	20.5
35	29	Scott Pickfords	30	...	...	3.3	8.3
206	164	Securiguard	188	...	9.4	6.2	10.0
6	5	Select Appt	6	...	...	...	...
988	695	Serco Gp	983	...	14.0	1.8	27.2
352	252	Shared Cmpa	287	-8	...	...	...
130	91	Sketchley	92	...	3.0	4.1	11.2
355	310	Warner Howrd	310	...	...	2.5	17.5
45	27	Webpac	27	...	0.6	2.8	...
26	14	Wills Gp	25½	-½	...	0.5	34.9

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	223	Allied Colloids	225	+1	3.9	2.2	17.9
759	613	Amersham	663	...	12.5	2.4	24.6
7	3½	Anglo Utd	3½	...	0.8	...	...
£101½	8325	BASF DM	8750	-46½	...	8.0	...
275	221	BTP	269	...	9.3	4.7	19.7
£119	£102½	Bayer DM50	£107½	-100	...	5.6	...
173	134	Blagden	170	...	9.5	7.0	18.3
165	137	Brent Chems	140	+1	7.4	6.6	-
530	425	Br Bio-Tech	430	-3	...	...	...
29	18	Caird Gp	27½	...	1.3	7.1	-
153	126	Canning (W)	127 †	...	7.2	7.2	14.6
608	539½	Courtaulds	549	-2	13.0	3.0	14.9
281	228	Croda	271 †	-3	7.756	3.6	-
146	122	Doeflex	137	-1	4.6	4.2	10.5
202	175	Ellis & Everard	198	+5	7.0	4.5	18.1
28	19½	Euro Colour	25	-½	0.6	3.3	...
291	259	Halstead (J)	285	...	...	2.6	14.3
237	194	Hickson	236 †	+6	8.0	4.2	-
£114½	8850	Hoechst	9487½	-50	...	4.0	...
216	195	Holliday Chem	214	...	...	2.2	19.7
1297	1048	ICI	1243	-16	55.0	5.5	30.9
688	581	Laporte	625	-4	19.5	3.9	-
223	181	Leigh	181	-1	7.8	5.4	14.8
19½	8	MTM	8	-½	...	...	...
1712½	1462½	Norsk Hydro	1625	-34½	...	1.7	-
420	320	Paterson Zoch	419	...	11.4	3.4	18.1
375	350	-do- 'A'	370	...	11.4	3.9	16.0
296	254	Plysu	287	...	6.0	3.8	18.0
210	173	Porvair	209	...	3.6	2.2	22.3
13	7½	Scottish Speak	8½	-1	...	...	...
475	423	Wardle Storeys	442 †	...	16.0	4.5	17.8
460	395	Wlmshime E	445 †	...	17.0	4.8	15.2
396	368	Yorks Chem	396	...	...	2.4	21.2
306	240	Yule Catto	291 †	-1	5.9	2.5	-

DRAPERY, STORES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
105	63	Alexon	84	-4	3.0	4.5	...
87	42	Amber Day	77	-1	3.1	5.1	20.8
319	257	Argos Plc	285	-2	...	3.0	20.3
104	69	Ashley (Laura)	95	...	0.1	0.1	-
305	278	Asprey♦	285	...	...	2.1	23.1
245	188	Austin Reed	238	...	5.0	2.7	-
153	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	143	...	6.0	5.4	-
121	97	Benalls	111	...	1.9	2.2	-
276	208	Beneware	282	-10	...	0.6	36.1
34	22	Blacks Leis	25	...	3.3	...	5.2
227	133	Body Shop	208	...	1.6	1.0	23.4
16	12	Brown & Jackson	15½	+½	...	0.7	-
401	318	Brown (N)	342	-9	7.0	2.6	-
84	64½	Burton	80½	+2	...	3.1	...
145	126	Cantors	143	-1	...	2.3	19.0
355	295	Church	355	+2	12.5	4.4	31.6
183	97	Clinton Cards	151 †	-2	4.2	3.5	18.2
247	212	Coats Viyella	234	+4	...	3.9	25.7
106	78	Colourvision♦	86	...	...	...	14.5
498	374	Courts Furnish	495	-3	5.0	1.3	24.8
155	115	Crown Eyes♦	135	...	...	5.6	6.3
106	89	Dairy Farm Intl	95	...	...	3.6	-
65	51½	Dewhirst (I)	63 †	...	1.0	2.0	20.2
281	194½	Dixons Grp	207	-1	6.0	3.6	24.3
405	330	Dunhill	403	-2	7.7	2.4	14.0
21	12½	ERA Gp	14	...	...	...	...
530	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	400	...	16.0	5.2	-
115	71	Essex Furn	101	...	...	3.4	17.1
238	203	Etam	236	+2	6.9	3.7	-
562	499	Fine Art Dev	546	...	11.0	2.5	21.0
50	26	Fired Earth Tiles	38	...	...	...	...
500	498	Formminster	498	...	12.5	3.1	10.4
51	24	French Conn♦	50	...	...	...	...
47	21	Gabbicci♦	42	...	2.0	...	8.4
65	43	Gent SR	49	...	2.0	5.1	14.4
46	28	Goldsmiths Gp	45	...	1.8	...	...
2913	2400	GUS	2913	...	40.0	1.7	23.2
1728	1563	-do- 'A'	1625	-18	40.0	3.1	12.9
40	34	Hampden Grp♦	35 †	...	...	3.6	17.3
277	82	Hartstone	86	-11	4.8	7.1	8.3
25½	20	Helene Plc	20¼	...	2.0	12.3	-
42	28	Heritage♦	40	...	...	...	...
68	35	Honeysuckle♦	62	-1	...	2.0	8.8
192	128	Hse of Lerose	192	...	10.3	6.7	-
93	63	Jacques Vert	85	-2	2.0	...	...
605	496	Kingfisher	586	-4	...	3.0	16.6
74	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	66	-3	4.0	7.6	13.6
685	495	Liberty	650	-5	7.2	1.4	-
320	265	Lloyds Chem	308	-1	5.5	2.2	12.1
152	120	MFI	136	-1½	...	3.4	18.1
360	311	Marks Spencer	342	-1	7.1	2.6	20.8
500	445	Menzies (John)	498	...	10.0	2.5	16.6
175	135	Moss Bros	172	...	5.5	4.1	-
174	139½	Next	156½	-4½	2.5	2.0	-
30	15	Oliver (G)	30	...	...	...	...
250	197	Oriflame Intl	214	...	...	5.6	13.9
63	45	Pentos	51	...	1.5	3.7	10.5
313	255	QS Hldgs	287	...	5.1	2.3	20.2
37½	11	Ramars Group	31½	+4	2.4	9.4	...
35	20½	Rhino Grp♦	29½	...	...	...	...
135	120	Rosebys	136	...	4.3	4.0	-
174	132	Sherwood Gp	165 †	...	2.6	2.0	-
108	93	Sears	102½	...	3.5	4.4	-
498	400	Smith WH 'A'	446	-1	13.4	3.8	15.7
14½	4½	Specialeyes♦	9	...	...	...	...
219	176	Storehouse	207	-2	5.0	3.0	...
191	148	T & S Stores	149¼	...	5.9	4.9	11.1
133	71	Tie Rack	126	...	...	1.0	20.5
215	160	Time Products	199	-6	7.5	4.9	18.9
100	82	Usher (Frank)♦	90	...	...	6.9	7.1
45	22	Virgo	36	...	1.0	3.5	11.1
40	35	Wearwell♦	37	...	...	6.4	-
117	78	Wickes	108	-1	...	...	47.9
60	45	Wkt of Leathers	50	...	...	...	...
192	146	Wyevale♦	192	...	...	2.6	-
4	2½	Xtra-vision♦	3½	...	...	...	3.7

ELECTRICALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
182	147	ACT Group	158½	-2	4.5	3.3	15.6
238	223	Acale	238	...	...	3.1	19.9
162½	38	Acorn Compa♦	88	-2	...	...	44.6
480	385	Admiral	438	...	3.4	1.5	18.5
131	104	Alba	129	...	4.7	4.6	10.9
43	19½	Alphameric	38	-1	...	...	...
38½	22	Amstrad	38	-1	0.4	...	...
128	73	App Holo♦	73	-5	...	...	...
17	13	Arien	14	...	...	...	...
53½	35½	Astec	52½	...	...	...	...
290	250	Beales Hunter	269	-7	9.2	4.3	14.2
9	3½	Bennett & Fount	5½	...	...	...	...
381	319	BICC	359 †	+3	10.2	6.7	24.3
575	455	Blick	484	...	9.2	2.4	18.8
1650	1150	Borland♦	1500	...	...	...	...
319	274	Bowthorpe	304	...	6.3	2.6	-
445½	370	BT	400½	+3½	14.4	4.5	14.9
9	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	7½	...	0.1	1.7	...
151	110	Burnfield	139	...	5.7	5.2	22.0
760	669	Cable Wireless	690	-3	13.2	2.4	21.3
14½	11½	Chloride	12½	...	...	...	...
251	229	CML Micro	250	...	...	2.4	16.5
104	74	Compur People	104	+1	0.6	0.8	...
151	108½	Cray Elect	142	-½	...	0.4	11.6
326	243	Crichley	316	...	...	2.4	22.4
119	86	Dale	105	...	5.1	6.1	10.2
530	414	Delta	520	+8	14.0	3.4	-
298	205	Denmans El♦	285	...	...	2.7	12.1
620	400	Domino	514	-1	7.2	1.8	17.6
65	48	Dowding Mills	58 †	+1	2.5	5.6	18.4
1040	865	Druck♦	1040	+10	...	1.1	25.3
411	358	Electrocompnts	385	+1	7.0	2.3	20.8
573	470	El Data Prc	559	...	5.1	1.1	15.3
86	43	Electron House	81	...	2.3	3.6	24.7
23½	10½	Emess	23½	...	0.1	0.5	-
587	442	Eurotherm	581	+1	8.0	1.7	26.4
135	108	FKI	131½	-1½	2.3	2.2	25.5
391	340	Farnell Elect	373	...	6.2	2.1	-
51	33	Feedback♦	50	-1	...	...	...
18	9½	Ferranti	14	+½	...	...	...
195	101	First Tech	192	+1	...	1.0	...
236	81	Forward Gp♦	235 †	...	...	1.8	...
21	17	Forward Tech	17	...	...	...	...
328½	284	GEC	311	-1	9.6	3.9	16.5
182	132	Graseby	174	-2	10.9	7.8	-
39	39	Hiclare♦	39	...	...	1.6	12.7
145	83	INSTEM♦	140	-5	...	2.8	9.9
389	320	Jones Stroud	373	-5	8.0	2.7	16.2
10	8	Kembrey	9	...	8.3	5.2	3.4
321	260	Kenwood App	310	...	...	3.0	16.4
181	47	Kewill Sys♦	148	-6	...	...	7.4
203	100	Kode	182	+2	5.5	3.8	21.6
50	16	Laser-Scan♦	50	+4	...	...	-
365	122	LDMS♦	335	...	...	...	...
300	240	Lec Refrig	268 †	...	9.0	4.2	...
179	122	Life Sciences	135	-1	3.5	3.3	14.6
227	164	Logica	226	...	3.6	2.0	28.7
54	44	LPA Inds♦	46	...	...	9.6	13.0
212	181	MK Data Mngmt	181	-2	4.3	3.0	17.3
673	523	Macro 4	653	...	...	2.4	21.9
630	527	Marwin-Swa	598	...	...	1.9	19.6
3013	1988	Micro Focus	2250	+65	...	...	20.7
227	188	Microgen	193	...	7.2	4.7	13.1
34½	25½	Microvitec♦	27½	-1½	...	...	...
514	357	Misys	476	...	6.1	1.6	21.7
158	98	Mitel	158	+22	...	...	...
138	108	MMT Compu♦	114	-1	...	3.9	14.3
27	18½	Molynx	18½	-½	...	8.8	1.7
272	202	MTL Inst♦	218	+3	...	2.1	16.4
165	132	Multitone Elect	132	-2	3.0	2.8	16.2
149	116	Murray Enter	147	...	1.8	1.6	68.3
6412½	5300	NYNEX	5300	-25	...	...	...
188	140	Neutronics	158	...	2.6	2.1	20.4
63	42	Newmark (L)	63	...	...	...	...
114	58	Norbain♦	112	-2	...	1.1	16.8
60	20	Northamber	58	+13	0.5	1.1	...
15½	9	Oceonics	11½	...	...	...	7.5
248	195	Oxford Inst	245	...	4.3	2.2	16.5
76	48	P-E Intern'l	75	-1	1.0	1.7	...
75	29	P & P	71	-2	1.4	2.5	37.7
80	55	Peek	76	...	3.4	5.8	19.2
190	115	Pegasus♦	167	...	...	4.8	42.3
9000	9000	Philips Fn 4%	9000	...	...	6.4	...
1050	725	-do- Lmp nv	987½	...	...	...	...
452	343	Pifco	447	...	7.7	2.2	37.9
432	303	-do- 'A' Voting	427	...	7.7	2.3	36.2
96	66	Plasmec♦	66	-4	...	7.4	-
104	76	Pressac	88	...	2.4	3.4	17.8
135	103	Psion♦	126 †	-5	...	2.5	33.5
11	6½	Pursuigan	10 #	...	...	...	...
224	160	Racal Elect	199	-2	1.5	0.9	23.6
60	45	Radamec	58	...	1.0	3.3	-
70	43	Radius♦	59	...	...	5.7	20.4
92	61	Real Time♦	77	+6	...	4.9	7.0
29	18	Riva♦	24	...	...	...	...
620	488	Sage Gp	585	-7	9.0	1.9	18.6
66	49	Scantronic	64	...	2.0	3.8	20.2
142	117	Scholes Grp	118	...	5.0	5.3	23.2
330	270	Sema Gp	295	...	2.8	1.2	23.8
39	26	Silverlines	35	...	...	8.3	...
45	37	Soundtracks♦	44	...	...	6.2	14.8
2437½	1737½	TDK	2287½	-75	...	1.3	22.9
27	4½	TDS Circuits♦	14½	...	...	...	...
155	80	Telemetrix	137	-2	0.6	0.5	47.8
869	809	THORN EMI	835	+1	30.1	4.5	21.3
111	96	Thorpe FW	105	...	2.5	3.0	10.8
103	75	Total Systems♦	82	...	2.2	3.4	14.6
429	372	Tunstall	405	...	6.0	1.9	18.2
256	164	Unitech	237	-4	5.8	3.1	41.5
11½	6	Verity♦	8	...	...	...	...
33½	24	Vistec♦	29½	...	...	1.3	25.1
434	367	Vodafone	404	+10½	...	1.8	19.8
441	368	Volex	368	-7	...	5.8	18.7
22	11	Western Selectn	20	...	...	...	...
255	223	Wholesale Fttgs	253	...	11.7	5.8	24.1

ELECTRICITY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
487	389	East Midlands	452	-1	17.1	4.7	8.7
496	399	Eastern Elect	462	...	16.7	4.5	11.5
356	304	Hydro-Elect	334	-1	10.1	3.9	11.5
500½	404	London Elect	454	...	16.8	4.6	8.7
549	458	Manweb	515	+2	18.2	4.4	7.4
514	424½	Midlands Elec	473	...	17.2	4.6	9.9
549	440	Northern Elec	495	-5	18.5	4.7	7.4
544	439	Norweb	505	-2	17.7	4.4	9.5
337	285	Scottish Power	306	+2	10.1	4.1	11.4
529	436	Seeboard	480	...	17.2	4.4	8.8
571	469	Sth Wales	524	-1	19.4	4.6	8.3
532	426	Sth Western	481	-1	17.4	4.5	8.7
496	406	Southern Elec	460	+1	16.6	4.5	9.1
552	455	Yorkshire Elec	509	+1	17.7	4.4	9.4
354½	273	National Powr	324½	-½	9.1	3.5	10.7
353	273	PowerGen	330½	+½	...	4.0	10.3

FINANCE, LAND

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	52	Aitken Hume	52	...	0.5	...	33.2
75	47	BWD♦	75	...	...	5.3	11.7
90	26	Baltic Plc	84	...	1.0	1.5	-
453	373	Caledonia	432	...	14.4	4.2	16.6
1500	1075	Camellia	1400	...	27.0	2.4	11.8
258	243	Candover	243	...	10.2	5.3	17.2
91	71	Flextech♦	87	...	...	...	8.6
303	155	Goven	280	-3	...	5.4	8.7
146	125	Ivory Sime	145	...	...	5.4	15.2
6½	3	LIT	6	-½	...	...	...
12	11	Lightship	12 §	...	...	...	0.6
203	154	Lon Forfaiting♦	200	-1	8.4	5.4	14.1
57	47	Manakin	57	...	...	...	...
11	3½	Nat Home Loan	9½	-½	...	...	...
49	40	Newmarket	48	...	...	...	...
272	246	Rathbone Brs	272	...	6.0	2.8	16.5
22	17	Rutlnd Tst	21	...	0.8	4.8	-
330	255	S & U	263	+3	10.0	4.9	-
67	48	Singer & Fried	64 †	...	2.6	5.1	-
938	738	Sothebys	763	-37	...	4.9	...
106	83	STP Capital	102	...	3.0	3.7	18.5

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1950	1487½	Amer Express	1809¼	+43½	...	...	...
234	183	Electra	218	...	6.7	3.8	20.7
972	835	Henderson Ad	905	-3	41.0	5.7	19.9
121	92	Invesco MIM	111 †	...	3.0	3.4	-
218	164	Jardine Strat	187½	...	...	3.9	9.2
194	154	MAI	183	-5	6.0	4.1	13.3
469	380	MAM	467	+1	11.5	3.1	18.7
799	633	M & G	787	...	20.0	3.2	20.9
225	115	Smith New Crt	213	-1	4.5	2.6	8.5
78	58	Trio Hldgs	76	...	...	4.9	...

FOODS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
515	461	AB Food	471	+1	14.0	3.8	10.6
77½	53	ASDA Group	69½	...	...	3.0	21.8
225	170	Acatos & Hutch	205	...	6.5	4.0	11.8
76	55	Albert Fisher	69½	+½	3.7	7.0	11.1
407	318	Argyll	325	+3	9.7	3.8	12.8
25	12	Ashley Group	16	+2½	...	4.4	...
147	127	Assoc Fisheries	132 †	-5	...	7.6	-
230	160	Banks (S C)	230	...	8.2	4.9	10.5
402	310	Barr (AG)	372	...	6.5	2.2	18.8
85	37	Bensons Crisps	64 †	...	...	5.6	14.4
135	112½	Berisford Intl	128 #	...	...	...	...
455	363	Booker	372 †	...	...	7.3	13.2
50	35	Borthwick	45½	-1	1.1	3.0	31.7
488	430	Brake Bros	483	+1	6.2	1.6	20.1
51	38	Budgen	47	-2	...	...	16.0
511	442½	Cadbury-Schw	443	-10	...	3.7	16.4
89	78	Carrs Milling	84	...	3.9	5.8	16.8
201	178	Cranswick♦	185	-1	...	5.1	13.7
20	8½	Cullens	13½	-1½	0.5	4.6	7.2
384	168	Dalepak	192	-3	6.0	3.9	8.7
491	433	Dalgety	438 †	+1	19.5	5.6	12.8
51	27	Daniels S	51 †	+4	0.2	0.6	...
134	122	Everest	131	...	...	3.3	18.1
295	269	Farepak♦	282	...	...	2.1	20.7
10	3	Farringford	7½	-½	...	...	...
92	78	Finlay (James)	82	...	4.1	6.3	15.4
125	78	Fyffes	100	...	...	1.6	16.6
483	328	Geest	381	...	8.1	2.7	-
12	7	Global♦	11 †	+1	...	5.7	17.1
45	43	Grand Central	43	...	1.1	3.3	...
203	147	Hazlewood Fds	197	-4	6.1	3.9	11.9
171	131	Hillsdown	158 †	...	...	7.0	12.4
750	616	Iceland Frozen	620 †	-10	10.0	1.9	19.9
131	111	JLI Group	115	...	4.5	4.9	16.6
853	731	Kwik Save	779	...	16.0	2.6	14.8
262	205	Low (Wm)	228	...	8.4	5.1	9.9
58	41	Matthews (B)	53	+3	2.2	5.3	34.7
16	12½	Merchant Retail	14½	...	1.1	10.0	34.6
174	150	Morrison (W)	150	-1	...	0.7	19.5
538	443	Nichols (JN)	508	...	13.6	3.3	14.7
290	242	Nthn Foods	245	+1	...	4.0	13.5
22	14	Nrthmbrn Fds♦	15	...	...	...	6.3
239	172	Nurdin Peack	210	+1	6.1	3.7	-
241	205	Park Foods	229	+3	3.2	1.7	27.4
115	83	Perkins Food	110	...	4.4	5.0	-
99½	47	PizzaExpress	75	...	...	0.8	43.1
3½	1½	Regina Hldgs	3½	...	...	...	...
584	449	Sainsbury J	456	+3	8.7	2.4	17.0
68	53	Sentry Farm♦	56	...	...	2.2	13.1
225	170	Sims Food	172	-1	11.2	8.2	9.3
439	384	Tate & Lyle	385	-5	12.0	3.9	12.0
273	216	Tesco	220¼	+2½	7.1	4.0	-
211	167	Thorntons	171	-1	3.6	2.7	15.9
183	107	Treatt♦	175	+2	...	2.6	20.0
375	300	Unigate	366	+4	15.3	5.3	13.0
432	340½	Utd Biscuits	420	+8	...	4.5	22.2
25	21½	Usborne	22	-1	0.4	2.3	13.4
337	248	Watson & Phil	305	-3	13.3	5.5	15.9

HOTELS, CATERERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
16	16	Alumin Sdc Fle♦	16	...	...	...	...
89	77	City Centre Rest	82 †	...	2.5	2.4	-
209	170	Forte	192¼	+½	7.5	4.9	-
199	155	Friendly Hotels	166	...	5.7	4.4	-
9	6½	Harmony Leisr♦	7½	...	...	...	...
110	87	Jurys Hotel	105	...	...	3.8	12.4
215	154	Ladbroke	159	+2	...	8.8	21.0
73	59	Mandarin Orntl	70	+1	...	4.5	-
59	44	Queens Moat	47½	...	2.8	7.6	6.3
99	83	-do- 7-& cvpf	85 §	...	7.5	11.0	...
2½	½	Regal Hotels♦	1½	...	...	...	...
55	28	Resort Hotels	41	+2½	3.4	10.5	8.0
24	11½	Ryan Hotels E	18	+½	...	7.6	10.8
795	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	755 †	...	7.0	1.2	...
54	34½	Stakis	48½	...	...	1.2	...

INDUSTRIALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	178	AAF Inds	190 †	...	...	5.6	12.1
616	480	AAH	480	-8	16.3	4.3	15.2
172	140	AIM	141	...	6.5	5.8	8.7
132	100	APV	108	-1	5.4	6.3	-
217	81	ASW	217	+28	6.0	3.5	...
155	124	Adwest	155 †	+1	7.0	5.6	22.0
19½	10	Aerospace Eng	19	-½	1.0	...	11.6
468	434	Airsprung	463	+1	7.5	2.0	12.8
139	113	Alexdra W	139	...	3.8	3.5	-
15½	7	Allied Radio	7	...	...	...	...
529	415	Alumasc	529	...	11.0	2.6	16.2
35	17	Alvis	31	-1	1.0	4.0	6.4
420	345	Amber Ind	365	...	17.0	5.8	9.8
38	18	Amberley Gp♦	31	...	...	4.0	...
145	135	Andrews Sykes	135	...	4.4	4.1	77.1
893	703	Antofagasta	863	...	...	2.4	-
50½	37	Armour	44½	...	1.4	4.2	13.1
170	143	Ash & Lacy	159	...	8.4	5.0	16.3
3½	2½	Ass Br Eng	2½	...	0.0	2.3	...
555	445	Avon Rubber	545	...	16.5	3.8	21.2
236	188	Assoc Nursg♦	216	...	...	...	8.3
687½	548½	Atlas Equip	671	...	...	4.2	16.5
48	35	Ayrshire Metal	38	...	...	...	...
172	147	BBA	157	...	...	6.0	-
51	28	BLF Group♦	51	...	...	...	...
77	13	BM Gp	34 †	-1	3.0	...	1.0
770	672	BOC	674	-11	23.2	4.3	14.8
79½	82	BSG	62¼	...	...	6.4	-
460	353	BSS Group	460	+5	...	4.7	18.4
621	530	BTR	584	+1	...	3.9	19.2
221	186	BWT	195 †	...	6.7	4.3	18.6
41½	31	Babcock	35½	...	3.1	...	7.4
...	4½	Bailey (CH)	6½	...	...	...	...
289	241	Baird (Wm)	257	-1	8.9	4.3	17.8
1062½	550½	Barlow Rand	587½	...	...	5.9	3.3
7	7	Barrett (R)	7 #	...	2.0	...	16.2
63	48	Baynes (Charles)	58	...	1.4	3.1	-
15	5	Beaufort	7	...	1.8	...	...
8½	6½	Beckenham♦	7½	...	...	...	...
34	15	Bedford (W)♦	30	...	...	...	...
27½	19½	Benson Group	21	...	0.1	0.6	10.4
707	541	Bespak	544	...	9.0	2.1	17.0
133	110	Bibby (J)	121	...	9.7	10.7	6.7
300	129	Billam (J)	224	-14	5.0	2.8	-
39½	21½	Bilston Batters	32	...	...	...	...
11½	6½	Bimec Ind	6½	-½	0.6	...	...
198	126	Birkby	150	...	...	0.8	...
44	32	Black Arrow	44	...	2.1	6.0	10.5
1½	½	Black & Edgtn♦	1½	...	...	...	...
183	136	Black (Peter)	166	...	2.9	2.2	17.0
196	128	Bluebird Toys♦	183	...	...	3.1	11.4
587	494	Bodycote	564	-10	10.0	2.2	-
553	431	Boots	434	-2	...	3.9	16.3
61	45	Boots Inds	49	...	3.2	8.5	5.1
517	435½	Bowater	466	-2	11.5	3.1	18.4
1682	1335	Bowater Inc	1365 †	+9	...	...	...
248	199	Boxmore Intl♦	236 †	...	...	1.9	17.2
19	12½	Brasway	15½	-½	0.5	4.7	20.0
268	204	Brammer	256 †	...	13.0	6.3	-
18	12	Bridgend Gp	17½	+½	1.2	...	7.9
100	64	Bridon	89	...	4.0	5.8	-
70	53	Bridport-Gndry	68 †	-1	4.1	7.5	12.8
40	31	Brierley Inv	34	-1	...	0.3	8.4
308	273	Br Bldg & Eng	273	...	...	1.1	...
59	42	Br Bloodstock♦	49	...	...	...	...
501	417	Br Polythene	501 †	...	...	2.5	18.0
97	54	Br Steel	95	+3	...	1.3	...
120	100	Br Syphon	120	...	3.0	3.1	33.6
14½	11½	Br Thornton	13½	...	...	2.5	...
268	218	Br Vita	231	+4	7.1	3.9	14.2
13	6½	Brixton Grp	11	-½	0.0	0.3	...
730	555	Brixton Hill	628 †	-10	...	2.9	28.8
109	78	Bromsgrve Ind	103	...	4.0	4.9	14.2
10½	6½	Brooke Tool	9	-½	...	...	...
70	51	Brown & Tawse	68	...	4.7	...	...
118	91	Bullough	107	-1	6.0	7.1	18.3
26	16	Business Tech♦	17	-1	...	...	20.5
28	17	CI Group	24	...	1.9	3.2	-
25	15	Campbll & Arm	17½	-1½	2.0	...	...
17	6½	Cannon St	16½	...	...	...	...
240	205	Cape	228	...	10.5	5.8	14.5
228	170	Carclo Eng	227	...	...	3.8	18.7
2888	2138	Carnaud Ml	2388	...	...	2.8	-
78	68	Cassidy Bros♦	70	...	...	4.3	7.8
167	158	Castings	166	...	4.0	3.1	11.8
145	113	Chamberlin Hill	140	...	6.0	5.4	8.4
707	609	Charter Cons	636	...	21.5	4.2	15.3
270	220	Chemring	258	...	...	4.0	15.5
92	69	Chieftain Gp♦	71	...	5.1	9.0	15.2
30	17	Chillington	24	...	0.5	2.6	...
188	144	Christies Int	176	-3	1.5	1.1	-
81	34	Clayhithe	38	...	2.5	5.6	...
90	70	Clayton Son	70	...	...	...	...
7	7	Co Designers♦	7 #	...	0.2	...	...
400	350	Cohen (A)	350	...	10.0	...	...
223	179	Community H	180	...	6.5	4.5	11.2
246	186½	Concentric	221	...	...	3.2	17.7
176	120	Cook (Wm)	160	+1	10.0	...	10.7
215	182	Cookson	206	+2	...	3.6	-
45	38	Copymore♦	43	-2	...	2.9	-
238	173	Cowell Pkr 'A'	174	...	5.7	4.1	14.9
178	147	Cowie	158	...	10.7	8.5	24.0
224	160	Creighton Nt♦	170	...	...	5.1	12.3
44	27	CrestaCare	42	...	0.5	1.5	-
3450½	2098½	Dana	3150 †	-12½	...	...	...
715	314	Danka Bs Sys	710	+20	3.7	0.7	21.8
16	5	Davies (DT)♦	16	...	...	...	...
711	642	De La Rue	689	-1	15.0	2.7	21.1
25	16	Dinkie Heel	20 †	-1	0.9	5.9	15.9
481	391	Diploma	446	-2	9.7	2.7	23.2
65	50	Dobson Park	63	...	5.7	11.4	11.3
98	92	Dyson (J&J)	97	...	5.0	6.4	13.9
65	57	-do- 'A'	64	...	5.0	9.8	9.2
18	9	EFG♦	14	...	...	...	...
421	309	EIS	370	-4	...	3.9	-
15½	9½	EIT Gp♦	9¾	...	...	...	...
28	19	Elbief	26	...	...	...	...
43	19	Eleco	20	...	3.3	...	11.8
2350	1925	Electrolux 'B'	1987½	-87½	...	2.9	-
66	45	Elliott (B)	59	...	...	...	...
484	424	Eng China Cl	435	-1	20.0	5.8	-
2600	1550	Ericsson 'B'	2502½	-34½	...	1.2	-
76	27	Erskine Hse	34	-2	...	8.4	3.6
44	32	Eurocopy	43	...	1.6	4.7	16.7
80	47	Expamet	72	-1	3.2	5.6	-
685	499	Fairey Group	619 †	...	10.2	2.1	-
95	53	Fenner	82	-3	4.2	6.4	15.5
68	33	Ferraris Group♦	66	...	...	1.9	15.1
1½	½	Ferrometal♦	1	...	...	...	...
29	23	Ferrum	23	...	2.5	14.5	15.1
40	28	Fife Indmar	40	...	0.5	1.6	...
251	157	Fisons	170 †	+1	...	6.4	18.2
53	29	Fitzwilton	46	...	...	11.5	...
255	215	Flogas	240	...	...	4.2	9.9
43	40	Folkes Group nv	40	...	1.5	4.6	-
74	56	French (Thomas)	61	...	3.6	7.4	30.6
210	166½	Fritz Group	186 †	...	4.0	2.7	-
85	71	GEI Intl	83	...	7.3	11.0	17.1
489	441	GKN	452	-9	...	5.7	20.2
51	42	GR Hldgs	46 †	...	...	5.4	...
94	79	Garton Eng	92	...	4.0	5.6	...
160	109	Gestetner	123	+3	8.2	8.3	5.4
36	23	Glevum	23	...	...	...	16.6
801	545	Glaxo	593½	-3½	17.0	3.6	16.4
26	16	Glenchewton	23½	...	...	...	...
311	245	Glynwed	300	-3	11.6	5.0	-
93	66	Goode Durrant	98	...	5.4	7.3	19.7
134	102	Grampian Hd	126	-2	5.5	5.5	21.9
406	341	Granada	394	-2	7.7	2.4	21.0
359	301	Great Schm♦	359 †	...	...	3.6	14.8
95	78	Green (Ernst)♦	95	...	...	9.2	13.1
12	8½	Greenacre♦	11	...	...	3.2	-
17	8	Guardian Grp♦	11	...	...	...	...
43	30½	Haden MacLn	42	-½	2.0	6.1	-
83	44	Hadleigh Inds♦	66	...	...	...	...
218	115	Hall Eng	218	+2	8.6	5.0	18.2
258	215	Halma	225	-4	2.2	1.2	27.8
49	30	Hampton Ind	36	-1	2.3	...	9.7
285½	228	Hanson	231½	+1½	...	6.2	11.8
222	187	Harris (Phillip)	212	...	...	4.0	15.0
186	147	Harrisn Crsfld	174 †	+1	9.0	6.5	25.1
60	38	Havelock Euro	57	...	...	...	...
51	20	Hay (Norman)	32	+1	...	...	...
25	17	Headway	23	...	0.7	3.8	12.1
373	301	Hepworth	373	+13	14.8	5.0	16.1
225	160	Hewitt (J)	220	...	3.0	1.7	17.2
38	15	High-Point	35	...	1.3	...	...
127	112½	Hill & Smith	125	...	...	5.6	17.4
10	6½	Hobson♦	6½	-½	...	...	...
107	87	Holders Tech♦	107	...	...	7.0	-
44	30	Hopkinsons	42	...	1.3	3.9	-
167	138	Hornby♦	141	-1	...	8.0	13.3
13½	6	Hospital Crp	9½	...	...	11.8	2.3
69	54½	Howden	68	...	...	4.0	10.5
231½	173	Hunting	204 †	...	...	6.1	-
1160	808	Huntingh Tec♦	1048	...	...	1.2	-
295	247	IMI	281	-10	10.0	4.4	-
108	90	ISA Intl	97 †	-1	1.5	1.9	15.1
205	179	Intercare Gp♦	184	-1	...	1.8	19.5
255	235	Isotron	250	...	3.9	2.0	16.0
493	380	Jardine Math	428	-4	...	2.7	-
537	438	Johnson Mthy	484	+4	9.6	2.6	19.3
64	51	Johnson & FB	51	...	3.0	7.4	15.7
136	104	Johnston	125	+2	3.2	3.3	...
32	19	Jones Shipman	24	...	...	...	...
31	18	Jourdan (T)	31	...	0.7	3.1	...
54	26	Kalamazoo	50	...	...	...	41.2
178	73	Kalon	175	-1½	3.2	2.3	-
297	253	Kelsey Ind	278	...	13.0	5.8	...
545	465	Kenshaw (A)	510	...	27.0	6.6	26.5
125	75	Kleeneze	118	+2	...	...	...
118	61	LGW♦	113	-5	3.0	3.3	9.4
303	266	Laird	291	...	10.5	4.5	...
136	105	Lee (Arthur)	136	+3	5.9	5.4	57.8
136	110	Lilleshall	128	...	4.2	4.2	15.8
153	97	Lincat♦	148	...	...	4.3	12.8
18½	4½	Lincoln Hse♦	18	...	...	...	14.8
128	76	Linread	105 †	...	3.7	4.5	16.2
208	170	Linton Park	200	...	14.0	9.3	-
14½	10½	Lionheart	12	...	0.2	2.1	...
19½	15	Locker (T) A	17	...	1.0	7.4	53.5
274	191	Lon Intl	208	+3	9.4	5.7	14.1
105	70	Lonrho	104½	...	...	4.8	...
342	269	Low & Bonar	333	-2	...	3.4	-
343	283	MB-Caradon	299¼	+1½	8.6	3.6	-
169½	140½	-do- pf	154 †	...	7.2	5.8	...
25	14½	ML Hldgs	19	...	1.8	...	19.3
35	27	MS Intl	34	...	2.5	9.2	42.5
37	29	MY Holdings	42 †	+½	...	1.0	12.8
283	236	Macfarlane	250 †	-7	4.7	2.4	24.6
430	379	McKechnie	414	...	14.7	4.5	20.3
106	88	McLeod Russel	98	-1	6.0	7.7	12.0
10½	5½	Maddox	5½	-½	...	...	...
74	64	Magnolia	64 †	...	0.1	0.2	10.3
106	71	Mallg Brown	90	...	1.0	1.3	...
27	22	Marling	23½	...	0.3	...	...
179	124	Mayborn♦	166 †	...	...	3.8	13.8
54	29	Mayflower	51 †	-1	...	3.1	-
236	191½	Medeva	208	-5	...	1.4	16.5
103½	88	Meggitt	96 †	-1	3.7	4.9	-
130	111	Metalrax	114	...	4.0	4.4	16.3
76	70	Metsec♦	71	...	...	7.1	...
77	29	Midsumm	70	+1	...	1.3	-
21½	14	Mining & Ald	20½	-½	0.5	2.0	...
488	368	Molins	456	...	14.0	1.8	-
345	282	Morgan Crbl	270 †	-1	12.6	5.8	-
145	134	Morris Ashby♦	134	...	...	4.4	11.7
31	18	Neepsend	25	-1	1.5	...	...
60	34	Nestor-BNA	53 †	...	3.1	7.4	12.7
164	122	Nobo Gp	162	...	3.5	2.7	19.8
173	127½	Norcros	166	+2	7.0	5.2	28.8
43	35	Novo Group	39	...	...	1.0	...
329	310	Nu-Swift	320	...	...	7.8	8.6
53	36	Office Elec Mac	47	...	0.1	0.3	...
39½	21	OMI Intl	24½	...	1.7	8.9	...
140	133	PCT♦	138	...	...	7.1	-
48	44	Pacer Systems♦	44 †	...	...	8.3	...
138	110	Penland	110	...	...	2.8	-
380	310	Photo-Me	355	+6	4.4	1.6	18.1
137	97½	Pilkington	131	-2	6.0	5.7	47.7
32	19	Platon♦	29	...	...	...	...
79	68	Plenumbrook	71	...	3.0	5.4	10.9
150	126	Polypipe	143	...	1.9	1.7	20.7
517	452	Portals	468	...	14.5	4.0	-
32	19	Porter Chadburn	23	...	3.5	13.6	5.7
7½	5½	Posth Gp♦	6½	...	...	...	...
376	306	Powerscreen	320	-9	6.0	2.3	18.6
20	16½	Prospect Inds	17½	-½	0.7	5.4	8.6
54	37½	RFS Group♦	53	...	...	5.2	11.7
95	73	Radiant Metal	86	...	...	...	...
148	77	Ransom Oil♦	122	-2	...	2.0	...
744	630	Rank Org	710	...	31.0	5.5	19.4
33	23	Ransomes	28	...	...	...	...
657	563	Reckitt Coln	576	-1	...	3.5	23.1
77	50	Record	75	...	3.6	6.2	35.7
4	2½	Reece	4	...	...	...	...
169	131	Relyon	167	+1	4.9	3.7	-
303	275	Renishaw	292	+2	6.5	2.8	22.3
61	55	Renold	60	...	1.0	2.1	...
1438	1240	Reuters	1287	+9	21.2	2.1	21.0
30	24½	Rexmore	28	...	1.7	7.8	6.9
120	91	Ricardo Group	117	...	5.7	6.1	32.0
68	58	Richard (Leics)	68	...	4.4	8.4	-
78	65	Richardson West	75	...	3.0	5.0	-
128	109	Ropner	127	...	8.2	8.6	17.3
122	97	-do- 'A'	117	...	8.2	9.2	15.0
40	28	Ross Gp	32 †	-2	0.6	2.5	13.1
449	395	Rotork	444 †	-2	...	11.2	3.1
135	100	Rubicon	126	...	...	1.5	...
65	43	Russell (A)	50	...	1.0	2.5	...
26	15	SEP Indl	24	-1	0.6	3.4	-
800	665	SKF 'B'	800	...	...	...	...
312	222	Sanderson Elec	302	...	9.0	3.7	12.9
78	39	Savage	70	...	...	0.4	...
45	39	Saville Grdn (J)	40	...	2.2	6.9	15.8
248	214	Scapa	214	-2	5.1	3.1	17.4
258	192	Schott	210 †	+2	6.3	3.8	-
8½	4	Scot Heritable	5	...	...	...	...
990	917	Securicor	910	...	2.6	0.4	35.0
666	562	-do- 'A'	582	...	2.6	0.6	21.4
565	465	Security Serv	465	...	5.0	1.4	23.0
99½	77	Senior Eng	98 †	-1	3.1	4.0	-
361	306	Seton Health	338	...	...	1.9	21.7
68	42	Sheldon Jones♦	64	...	...	...	...
116	88	Shiloh	108	...	2.9	3.4	-
361	295	Sidlaw	296	...	10.0	4.2	13.8
501	427	Siebe	482	-11	...	2.5	19.0
305	220	Silentnight	304	...	8.0	3.4	-
121	102	Sime Darby	109	...	...	3.8	13.4
142	92	Simon Eng	98	-½	5.0	6.4	22.4
250	235	Sinclair (Wm)	237	...	7.0	3.7	15.3
42	42	Six Hundred	45	...	2.5	6.9	...
164	143½	Smith & Neph	145½	-½	...	4.0	12.6
513	389	SmithKline	471	+2	8.6	2.3	16.9
450	340	Smithkline Uts	420½	+4½	...	3.2	15.1
394	320	Smiths Ind	346	-2	11.2	4.1	13.9
140	79	Slim Res	81	...	3.3	5.2	7.7
396	265	Spandex♦	395	+15	...	2.1	-
475	300	Spear (JW)	470	...	4.0	3.8	8.6
382	314	Spirax-Sarco	344 †	-1	9.3	3.4	-
145	55	Spring Ram	85 †	+3	0.3	0.5	...
270	225	Staveley	225	-2	8.2	4.6	12.8
147	126	Sterling Ind	138	...	5.6	5.1	17.3
20	11	Stonehill	17	...	...	...	...
154	97	Suter	150	...	8.8	7.9	-
320	344	Swire Pacif 'A'	314	...	...	2.8	-
7	5	Sycamore	6 †	...	...	...	...
78	56	Sykes-Pick	57	...	...	9.0	10.6
265	200	Sylone	265	...	9.4	4.5	12.2
198	164	T & N	177 †	-3	10.8	7.7	-
333	279	TI	320	-2	...	4.2	19.7
18	12	TLS Range♦	13	...	...	2.5	...
283	218	TT Group	283	...	6.0	2.7	16.9
249	220	Telsure	238	+1	1.8	0.9	-
815	614	Takeda Chem	776	-11	...	0.6	20.6
31	24	Tex Hldgs	29	-1	...	...	...
93	70	Tinsley (E)♦	93	+11	...	2.0	10.8
225	150	Thame♦	216	-7	...	2.1	18.7
271	221	Tomkins	223	-1	...	3.6	15.7
96	67	Trafalgar H	89	-1½	...	4.6	6.4
95½	69½	-do- 'A'	87½	...	...	...	...
579	346	Transfer Tech	520	-5	16.0	3.9	12.9
190	158½	Triplex Lloyd	181	-1	7.0	4.8	16.6
253	221	UniChem	225 †	...	5.6	3.1	-
305	275½	Unidare	305 †	...	...	7.0	9.1
35	11½	Unigroup	35	+½	...	...	...
1249	1050	Unilever	1086	-2	21.3	2.5	14.8
8112½	6625	Unilever (NV)	7150	-75	...	3.0	10.4
703	513	VSEL	700	...	25.0	4.5	8.1
9½	6½	Verson	9½	...	...	...	...
142	95½	Vickers	140	-1	...	1.3	...
367	303	Victaulic	324	-1	7.8	3.0	-
364	283	Vinten	350	-1	7.0	2.5	-
532	427	Vosper Thorny	532	...	13.1	3.1	12.8
45	41	WSP Hldgs	43	...	2.9	8.4	-
468	410	Wagon Ind	432	+3	...	4.9	16.7
86	71	Walker Greenbk	85	...	3.1	4.7	21.2
248	201	Wassall	238	+1	2.5	1.3	24.0
35	22	Watford Wdgwd	32	...	...	...	...
675	582	Weir	640	-7	11.8	2.3	-
993	658	Wellcome	747	...	13.0	2.2	20.6
27½	23½	Wellman	23	...	2.2	...	8.6
495	460	Whatman	490 †	...	9.5	2.4	16.6
353	267	Whessoe	351	...	...	2.8	13.6
10½	4	Whewsy	9½	...	1.0	13.2	...
50	27	Wickscroft	44	...	4.0	...	4.1
8½	4½	Widney	8	...	...	...	...
76	44	Wilkes (James)	70	-1	3.5	6.3	10.4
365	313	Williams Hldg	321 †	-1	12.5	4.9	16.8
29	17	Wilshaw	28½	...	0.4	1.8	23.6
620	533	Wolseley	608	+5	12.5	2.6	21.1
150	125	Wood (Arthur)	125	...	1.5	1.5	65.5
45	35	Wyko	43	...	2.8	...	24.6
58	38	Young (H)	53	...	3.0	7.1	19.4

INSURANCE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1903½	1543½	Alex & Alex	1625	-25	...	3.9	...
2275	1787½	Am Gen	1787¼	-68½	...	3.9	...
45	30	Archer (AJ)	34	-1	4.4	16.2	16.5
148	122	Bradstock	125	...	5.1	5.1	15.4
1475	1078	Britannic	1400 †	...	33.5	3.0	...
642	501	Com Union	581	+13	...	5.2	...
1450	1225	Dom & Gen	1450	+5	...	1.6	24.0
22	18	FAI	20	...	...	...	...
615½	546	Gen Accident	575 †	+20	26.7	5.6	...
195	160	GRE	180	...	7.0	4.9	14.9
370	258	Heath C E	318	-1	16.0	6.3	18.7
165	148	Hogg Gp	152	...	8.1	3.4	-
198	164	HR Group	190	...	7.5	4.9	19.2
493	408½	Legal & Gen	446	-3	...	5.4	62.7
1026	788	Liberty Life	831	...	...	3.5	14.4
465	403	Lloyds Abbey	440	+2	17.3	4.9	15.8
295	253	Lloyd Thomp	278 †	-2	5.6	2.5	20.5
368	274	Londn & Man	345 †	-3	14.3	5.2	...
362	321	Lowndes Lmb	348	...	12.6	4.5	13.6
674½	5612½	Marsh McLn	5781½	-12½	...	2.9	...
97	76	Oriel	77	...	...	8.1	5.7
68	50½	PWS	59	...	4.0	8.5	8.6
342	282½	Prudential	310½	+½	...	4.8	20.7
1138	800	Refuge	1028	-2	31.5	3.8	28.5
332	258	Royal	306	+1	6.5	2.8	...
183	153	Sedgwick	164	-1	6.0	4.6	19.8
261	205	Steel Burrill	205	...	13.2	8.1	-
87	48	Sturge Hldgs	49	+1	8.2	21.0	5.0
362	307	Sun Alliance	320	+1	14.2	5.6	...
61	50	Trade Indemnty	58	...	...	...	...
288	239	Transatlantic	287	...	12.0	5.2	26.6
773	499	Utd Friendly	675 †	-3	14.5	2.7	-
208	171	Willis Corroon	180	-3	...	4.6	-
20	13½	Windsor	18	-1	...	...	14.1

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1708	1548	Alliance	1608	-2	45.0	3.5	-
260	226½	Amer Trust	228	-2	4.9	2.7	47.3
343	304	Ang & O'seas	340	...	6.6	2.5	43.2
136½	124	BZW Conv	124	-½	7.8	7.9	14.5
158	133½	Bankers	147¼	-½	3.4	2.9	40.5
298	264	Baring Tribne	274	-1	6.4	2.9	43.3
158	131	Berry Starq	158	...	2.2	1.8	-
106½	98½	Br Assets	99	-½	...	5.5	24.0
67	57½	Br Empire Sec	66½	-½	0.8	1.7	67.2
17	14	-do- Wnts	16	...	...	...	...
173	156	Br Inv	166	-1	4.5	3.4	41.7
164	130	Contl Asset	155	...	2.4	1.9	31.6
195	145	Derby Inc	145	...	16.6	14.3	8.7
235	195	-do- Cap	235	...	...	...	...
119	93	Draytn Asia	116	...	0.7	0.8	...
73	62	-do- Blue Chip	68	...	8.4	16.1	7.3
61	35	-do- Eng Intl	60	...	1.2	2.5	...
113	84	-do- Far East	110	-2	0.6	0.7	...
108	95	-do- Korea	101	-2	0.5	0.6	...
631	577	Dunedin Inc G	595	-2	25.4	5.3	27.4
382	313	-do- Wwde	366	-2	9.5	2.1	58.2
270	222	Dundee & Lon	267	-3	12.0	6.1	22.8
50	46	EFM Inc Tst	49	...	4.8	12.4	8.8
54	51½	-do- Div Pf	52	...	...	...	...
274	250½	Edinburgh	264½	-1	8.4	4.1	-
155	141	Electric Gen	154	...	3.1	2.5	49.0
97	85	English Scot	96	...	...	...	...
253	205	European Asset	243	...	...	3.1	29.6
92	77	Fleming 'A'	92	...	3.0	4.1	29.6
290	248	Fleming Amer	348	-2	0.7	0.4	...
306	190½	-do- Claver	199¼	-1½	...	3.4	39.3
266	212	Da Contl	247	-3	3.7	1.4	-
171	147	-do- Entp	168	...	4.5	3.3	37.7
278	213	-do- F East	271	-6	1.5	0.7	...
306	246	-do- Fledg	297	...	3.0	1.3	...
116	105½	-do- Hi Inc	114½	...	5.8	6.3	19.5
219	136	-do- Japan	212	-4	0.3	0.2	...
271	230	-do- Merc	250	-1	6.7	3.3	-
251	212	-do- O'seas	239	...	4.0	2.1	57.1
229	203	Foreign & Col	219	-2	5.5	1.9	59.6
210	164	-do- Eurotst	194	...	1.2	0.8	...
107	87	-do- German	95	-1	0.4	0.5	...
257	191	-do- Pacific	250 †	...	1.9	1.0	-
137½	116	-do- Smaller	134	...	...	1.2	68.1
225	145	GT Japan	223	-3	...	0.7	...
116	65	Genl Cons Cap	114	...	...	...	...
125½	98½	-do- Inc	105	...	...	10.0	10.9
145	116	Govett Am Smlr	116	...	...	...	...
296	186	-do- Oriental	255	...	0.9	0.5	-
346	207	-do- Strategy	236	-1	0.7	3.6	32.5
373	340	Greenfriar	370	...	6.3	2.1	55.6
16	5	Gresham House	6	...	...	...	...
53	47	Independent Inv	49½	...	0.5	1.3	74.8
134	115	Inv Cap	125	-1½	5.1	5.2	24.9
92	77	I&S UK Smllr	85½	...	1.9	2.9	21.1
183	155½	Kleinwort Char	171	-1	5.0	3.7	33.3
203	176	-do- O'seas	193	-1	3.3	2.1	54.6
136	108	-do- Smlr	113	...	4.0	4.4	27.4
595	540	Law Debenture	569	-5	18.2	4.0	28.4
174	164	Majedie	173	...	...	3.5	33.1
249	221	Merchants	238	-1	10.6	5.6	21.9
5003½	3700	Merrill Lynch	4443¼	-18½	...	2.1	...
440	383	Monks Inv Tst	401	-3	6.7	2.1	54.0
126	105	Morg Gren Inc	119	...	...	4.8	23.6
37	23	Do Warrants	37	...	...	...	...
47	39	Murray Euro	44	...	0.1	0.5	-
11	4½	Do Wts	9	...	...	...	...
315	282	Murray Income	304	-2	...	4.4	28.0
319	265	-do- Ind	289	...	11.4	4.9	26.1
312	263	-do- Small	296	...	4.0	1.7	68.8
103	98	-do- S/C Inc	99	...	...	13.8	9.4
90	73	-do- S/C Cap	90	...	...	...	...
3050	2750	-do- S/C Uts	2950	...	...	4.5	...
147½	142½	-do- S/C DP	143½	-½	...	...	...
260	230	-do- Vent	244	...	10.3	5.3	19.3
71	50½	New Frontier	69	...	0.2	0.5	...
85	68	Nwthrog Inc	78	-1	6.7	10.8	10.9
288	249	O'seas Inv Tst	283	-1	2.8	1.2	...
362	285	Pacific Assets	345	-1	1.1	0.4	...
264	187	Do Warrants	248	...	...	...	...
8200	7650	Personal Assets	8150 †	...	...	2.5	48.7
124	100	RIT Cap Ptnr	123	...	1.1	1.2	58.7
123	108	River & Merc	115	...	9.2	10.0	11.5
398	330	Robeco	373 †	...	...	3.5	...
388	346	Rolinco	368 †	...	...	2.2	...
240	214	St Andrew Inv	240	...	7.5	3.9	32.3
149½	131	Scot American	137½	...	4.3	4.0	28.8
189	136	Scot Asian	188 §	...	...	...	...
345	225	do Warrants	345	...	...	...	...
73	63½	-do- Eastern	68½	-½	1.5	2.8	45.0
201	183	Scottish	189½	-1	4.6	3.0	39.3
201	178	-do- Mtge	188	...	4.0	2.7	-
79½	71	-do- Value	79½	...	...	2.8	56.6
1503	1390	Second Allnce	1406	-4	36.5	3.2	37.8
84½	74½	Secr Tst of Scot	81¼	...	3.2	5.1	-
130	109½	Selective Asset	122	...	1.2	1.2	43.9
21½	14	Sphere Inv	19¼	-½	3.1	19.9	6.3
150	112	TR Far East	131	...	4.5	4.3	28.5
140½	126	TR City Of Lon	134 †	-½	4.7	4.4	28.1
141	110	TR Pacific	129	...	0.3	0.3	...
22½	17	TR Property	20½	-½	1.4	...	59.5
69	47	TR Tech Inv	52	...	1.7	4.2	28.8
170	146	TR Smlr Cos	159½	+½	3.7	2.9	46.7
315	283	Temple Bar	302	-2	13.2	5.5	22.8
90	69	Thrgtn Asian E	85	-1	0.5	0.7	...
66	54	Throgmorton	64½	+½	2.3	4.5	28.3
418	363	Throg Dual Cp	398	...	...	...	...
195	178	USDC Invest	191	-1	4.5	2.9	35.1
92	76½	Value Inc Tst	92	...	...	4.9	24.3
598	542	Whtbread Inv	580	+6	15.3	3.2	38.5
195	181	Witan	189½	-1	5.6	3.7	33.2

LEISURE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
345	269	Airtours	289	+2	7.2	3.1	10.2
60	42	Alld Leis	51	...	4.7	...	14.6
272	194	Anglia TV	271	...	9.2	4.3	-
249	192	Barr & W 'A'	204	...	10.0	6.3	12.7
1200	930	Boosey Hawks	1200	...	22.0	2.3	17.7
104	90	Border TV♦	94	...	...	3.6	12.3
16½	...	Brent Walker	10½	...	...	...	...
7½	2½	Buckingham Int	5	...	...	...	...
292	120	Campari	138 †	-5	12.0	10.9	-
197	171	Capital Radio	190	...	5.2	3.5	22.1
815	718	Carlton Comm	733	-4	17.0	2.9	21.6
200	158	Castle Commu	181 †	...	...	5.9	16.5
1873	1615	Central TV	1873	...	38.0	2.6	-
83	61	Chrysalis	65	...	...	...	...
610	517	Compass Gp	517	-12	12.3	3.0	14.7
350	218	Eurocamp	242	-2	9.7	5.0	10.0
1180	710	Euro Disney	843	-20	...	1.4	...
8	3½	Euro Leisure	4½	...	...	...	...
23	18	Ex-Lands	19½	-1	...	...	...
333	245	Fairline Boats	328	...	10.5	4.0	...
378	320	First Leisure	357	-1	6.1	2.1	24.7
515	298	GWR Gp♦	507	...	...	1.7	26.1
194	149	Grampian	179	-5	6.1	4.4	-
6	5	Greenwich Comm♦	5	...	...	...	...
51	19	HTV Group	46	-3	...	...	...
78	30	Hi-Tec Sports	38	-2	5.5	...	2.5
12	5½	Kunick	10½	...	...	...	...
392	282	LWT CP	382	...	4.9	1.6	-
475	327	Man Utd	452 †	+1	18.0	5.0	15.5
148	96½	Owners Abrd	101	...	3.5	4.3	8.1
66	33	The Pelican Gp	54	...	...	2.3	18.6
130	55	Prism Leisure♦	110	...	...	3.1	12.5
20	16	Quadrant Grp	17	...	4.0	...	2.6
318	291	Radio Clyde♦	291	...	...	3.7	22.6
175	132	Ramsdens (H)	165	...	...	3.4	21.9
502	431	Scot TV	449 †	...	9.9	2.8	-
60	41	Southern Radio	42	...	0.7	2.4	17.1
209	168	Stanley Leisure	198	...	...	2.6	16.7
9	5½	Sunleigh♦	7½	...	...	...	...
145	135	Sunset & Vine	138	...	3.5	3.2	16.1
420	383	Tanjong	420 #	...	...	...	...
221	150	Thames TV	196	...	2.5	1.6	-
7	1	Ticketing♦	2½	...	...	...	...
117	84	Tottenhm Hot	89	...	...	...	2.9
78	44	Trans World♦	67	...	...	1.5	24.4
374	274	Ulster TV	372	+1	10.0	3.4	11.2
22	13½	Wembley	17	...	0.2	1.5	...
31	7½	Whitegate	24	...	...	...	...
175	110	Yorkshire TV	167	-1	12.0	9.0	5.1
108	83	Zetters Gp	107	...	8.0	9.3	10.8

MINING

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3625	1800	Am Gold	3600	...	...	5.5	18.1
1325	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1300	...	...	7.1	6.1
1800	1125	Ang Am	1750	-48½	...	4.0	12.0
18½	8½	Anglo Pac Res♦	17	+½	...	...	...
101½	33	Ayrcors	95	-1	...	6.5	5.2
30½	18	Bracken	27½	-½	...	...	1.4
619	273	Buffels	610	+12	...	6.5	15.0
2	1½	Butte	1½	...	...	...	...
684	546	CRA	590	-11	...	3.5	-
23½	11	Cluff Res	22	+½	...	...	...
1150	762½	De Beers	1112½	-37½	...	4.3	-
69	37½	Deelkraal	68	-1	...	8.9	3.7
32	7	Doornfontein	32	+1	...	...	...
622	388	Driefontein	622	+5	...	5.4	11.4
335	120	Durban	333	-2	...	...	...
96	47	E Rand Gold	87	...	...	13.8	-
134	62	E Dagga	133	-1	...	...	11.1
222	54	E Rand Prop	222	+7	...	...	...
311	177	Elandsrand	309	-3	...	3.9	7.2
609	292	FS Cons	602	+17	...	8.6	-
32	8	FS Dev	28	...	...	...	...
1388	725	GFSA	1231	-32	...	3.3	19.3
168	125	Gencor	164	...	...	6.1	12.5
52½	35½	GM Kalgoorli	52	...	...	2.6	12.8
16½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	14½	-½	...	...	...
118	49	Grootvlei	110	...	...	9.4	6.5
287	78	Harmony	280	+2	...	...	...
292	87	Harties	292	+5	...	...	11.3
14	8½	Inocon♦	9½	...	...	...	...
881	491	Impala Plat	881	+30	...	...	19.9
13½	6	Kenmare Res♦	11½	-½	...	...	...
709	332	Kinross	689	-4	...	7.4	7.5
871	319	Kloof	858	-3	...	2.7	11.3
75	25	Leslie	75	...	...	5.7	7.4
60	13	Loraine	57	...	...	...	...
116½	89	MIM	89	-4½	...	2.6	40.5
998	820	Minorco	998	+4	...	3.8	11.8
129½	91	Nth Brkn Hill	110½	+1	...	4.5	-
1662½	610	Orange Free	1625	+25	...	7.7	14.4
709	549	RTZ	611	-5	19.5	4.3	26.7
530	425	Rand Mines	525	...	...	11.2	2.4
133	85	Rand Mln Prp	122	...	...	14.5	5.6
448	153	Randfontein	428	+14	...	4.0	6.5
163	115	Renison	145	-2	...	3.1	14.1
1112½	850	Rustnbrg	1112½	...	...	4.1	17.4
499	191	St Helena	499	+13	...	4.8	10.2
1214	475	Southvaal	1157	+10	...	5.0	19.9
76	18	Stilfontein	76	...	...	8.4	13.0
157	58	Unisel	130	-1	...	2.4	12.6
3787½	1800	Vaal Reefs	3700	...	...	6.0	6.3
433	154	Welkom	424	+6	...	7.6	13.1
117	26	Western Areas	117	+2	...	...	...
1600	587½	Western Deep	1437½	...	...	4.4	6.6
247	176	Wstrn Mining	223	-2	...	...	...
762	323	Winkels	697	-4	...	1.5	5.7
84	56	Zambia Copper	64	...	...	...	...
42	18	Zandpan	42	...	...	...	13.3

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
238	233	Abbey Panels	238	...	...	...	...
125	95	Airflow Stream	117	...	0.1	0.1	17.6
116	62	Appleyard	115	...	5.2	5.7	...
280	123	Bletchley Mtr	275	...	8.8	4.1	-
147	120	Bostrom	141 †	-1	6.0	5.3	24.9
339	165	Br Aerospace	312	-6	7.0	2.7	...
328	303	Caffyns	303	...	11.5	4.7	40.4
9½	4½	Caverdale	7½	-½	...	...	...
130	98	Central Mtr♦	126	-1	...	4.0	32.0
26	18	Cook (DC)♦	23	-1	...	...	...
235	156	Cowie (T)	235	...	6.2	3.3	17.9
110	86	Dag Motors	105 †	...	5.7	6.8	-
147	106	Davenport Vern	147	...	4.0	3.4	18.1
264	155	ERF	208	-1	4.0	...	...
117	92	European Mtr	107	...	...	1.8	...
282	208	Evans Halshaw	272	...	11.2	5.2	41.9
290	226	FR Group	272	...	7.2	3.4	-
3609½	2843½	Ford Motor	3331¼	-31½	...	...	...
2875	2143½	General Mtr	2562½	-62½	...	1.0	...
51	38	Gowrings	50 †	...	2.0	5.0	-
136	85	Henlys	136	...	3.0	2.8	...
875	650	Honda Motor	812	-24	...	0.7	...
26	15	Jacks (Wm)	23	...	...	...	...
96	66	Jessups	96	...	4.5	5.9	...
138	97	Kwik-Fit	134	...	3.3	3.1	-
344	281	Lex Service	332	-2	10.6	4.0	-
117	85	Lookers	117	...	6.2	6.6	...
152	126	Lucas	143 †	+4	7.0	6.1	...
274½	236½	Pendragon	261	+1	...	3.2	21.1
166	106	Perry Gp	165	...	6.0	4.6	-
153	108	Quicks Group	149	+1	4.5	3.8	-
139	99	Rolls-Royce	135	+3	5.0	4.6	...
148	125	Vardy (Reg)	140	...	4.0	3.6	21.6
183	121	Westland	178	-4	4.2	3.0	15.7

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
144	103	Adscene	133	...	4.0	3.8	14.2
330	235	Black (A&C)	325	...	13.5	5.3	-
606	468	Blenheim Gp	530	...	...	2.1	19.6
345	275	Bristol	345	...	11.5	4.2	25.6
9200	7775	Daily Mail	9075	-25	13.0	1.8	20.4
9150	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	9025	...	13.0	1.8	20.4
305	251	Dorling Kind	254 †	...	...	1.5	24.3
373	328	EMAP	362	-10	...	2.6	23.6
983	833	Euromoney Pb	930	-5	29.5	4.0	20.9
237	170	Harrington K	208	-8	4.5	2.7	16.8
350	273	Haynes Pub	308	...	6.0	2.4	13.2
285	226	Headline	285	...	4.5	2.0	-
140	105	Home Counts	125 †	-4	6.0	6.0	-
9½	3	Intl Bus Comm	7½	-½	...	...	...
8	6½	Int Cm & Data♦	7½	...	...	...	...
520	400	Independent	510 †	...	...	4.2	-
536	393	Johnstone Press	536	...	6.2	1.5	23.2
288	243	Metal Bulletin	276	...	8.0	3.6	19.5
143	89	Mirror Gp	134	+½	...	...	...
373	297	News Corp	330½	-4½	...	0.3	22.2
240	169	News Intl	220	...	...	0.6	15.2
449	354	Pearson	435	-8	...	3.4	20.4
658	510	Portsmth Sund	658	...	8.6	1.6	16.9
686	618	Reed Int	644	-1	...	3.3	28.1
146	98	Southnews	145	...	...	1.3	42.7
130	90	Sterling Pubs	128	+3	...	2.4	42.2
370	328	Telegraph	366	...	11.0	3.8	-
825	715	Thomson Corp	785	...	25.4	4.1	-
347	313	Trinity Intl	345	...	8.7	3.2	20.7
39	34	Unit Group♦	34	...	...	...	...
610	494	Utd Newspapers	578	-6	...	4.6	14.4

OILS, GAS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18½	6½	Aberdeen Pete	17½	...	...	...	...
31	17	Aran Energy	29½	...	...	...	-
52	40	Arcon Intl♦	49	...	...	...	...
61	41½	Ast Oil & Gas	54	...	...	...	...
63	26	Aviva Pet	53	+1	...	...	...
14	9	Beverley	10	...	0.6	...	...
183	145	Br Borneo	149	+1	7.1	6.0	4.5
326	276	British Gas	309½	+3½	14.2	6.0	14.3
312½	225	Br Petroleum	300½	+½	10.5	4.3	48.0
1½	1	Brula Resources	1½	...	...	...	...
757	675	Burmah Castl	723 †	+1	...	4.4	17.6
59	32	Cairn Energy	56	...	...	...	8.0
268	223	Calor Gp	267	-2	22.0	6.2	-
60½	32½	Clyde Pet	50	...	...	...	...
35	27	Copiex Res	28	...	...	...	...
14½	10½	Edin Oil & Gas	14½	...	...	...	...
521	397	Enterprise	478	+1	16.0	4.2	59.0
88	55	Exp Co Louis	64	...	...	...	...
34½	18½	Fairhaven Intl	32 †	+½	...	1.7	12.2
67	45	Goal Pet	60	-1	1.4	3.5	9.6
31	18	Gt Western Res	26	...	...	...	...
185	108	Hardy O & G	152	-1	1.0	0.8	47.7
40	18½	Kelt Energy	37	-3	...	...	...
195	141	LASMO	146 †	-3	3.3	2.8	29.6
100	69	-do- Units	80	...	9.4	14.8	...
24	14½	Mid Scot Res♦	18½	-½	...	...	...
48½	34	Monument	45½	...	...	...	...
9½	6	New London	6½	...	...	...	...
33	21	Nth Sea Assets	31	...	1.0	4.0	10.7
22	12	Oil Search	14	...	...	...	...
14½	12	Petrol	12	-½	...	...	...
110	90	Pict Pet	104	...	...	...	14.4
30½	19	Premier	27½	...	...	...	9.7
115	50	Presidio	108	...	...	5.3	...
368	300	Ranger	290	...	...	5.5	...
6000	5150	Royal Dtch Pt	5712½	-25	...	5.7	13.3
4262½	3400	Schlumberger	4050	...	...	1.9	...
67	47	Seafield	58	...	...	...	...
605	513	Shell	565	-4	21.9	4.8	17.4
203	185	Sunrise Eng Sv	185	...	...	...	...
10½	4½	Teredo♦	8½	...	...	...	3.4
41	24	Triton Europe	29	...	...	...	5.4
11	6½	Villers Grp	11	+½	...	...	...
172	143½	Woodside	156	-4	...	2.3	...

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311	249	API	310	-1	7.5	3.0	22.0
195	144	Arjo Wiggins	191	-2	...	4.3	18.9
500	408	Abbott Mead	499	+1	9.3	2.3	-
1½	½	Acsis Group	1½	...	...	...	...
31	13	Anglo Gp	29	...	1.3	5.9	...
212	155	Aspen Comms♦	187 †	...	...	3.3	17.0
12	7	BBB Design♦	12	...	...	...	...
339	234½	Bemrose	338	+15	...	4.4	-
33	16	Birkdale	18	...	0.2	1.4	15.2
138	118	Bunzl	128	...	4.0	3.9	-
287	257	CIA Gp	257	...	...	2.1	14.2
254	116	Capital Inds	252	...	4.0	2.0	-
54	44	City of Lon♦	50	...	...	8.5	10.5
214	169	Cropper (James)	214	...	3.0	1.8	24.4
6	6	Crown Comm	6 #	...	...	...	...
73	51	Delyn Pckaging	65	...	1.4	2.8	12.9
117	94	Dolphin Pack	104 †	...	4.5	5.4	-
53	42	Dudley Jenkins♦	53	...	...	...	13.7
14½	12½	Elswick	13½	...	0.2	...	11.2
59	41	Fairway Group♦	57	...	...	6.9	10.8
296	271	Ferguson Intl	293	+1	12.5	5.3	16.9
105	92	Ferry Pick	103	...	7.5	8.9	-
107	74	Filofax	100	...	...	0.5	25.0
20	14	Fitch	16	...	...	...	...
100	69	Gibbon Lyons♦	99	...	...	6.3	19.4
295	247	Gold Greenless	224	...	...	3.8	22.2
41	20	Goodhead	25	...	0.5	2.5	...
84	43	Hunterprint	64	-1	...	...	...
185	136	Intereurope	185	...	7.4	5.1	12.2
238	191	Jarvis Porter	228	...	4.4	2.4	24.9
29	19½	Lopex	27	-1	...	...	...
274	175	More O'Ferrall	265	...	13.2	6.2	-
85	48	NMC Group	80	-1	1.2	...	15.8
103	66	Osborne & Little	100	...	4.3	5.4	12.8
234	167	Quarto	233	...	5.3	2.7	-
347	319	St Ives Gp	330	...	5.2	2.0	22.4
198	152	Saatchi	176	...	...	...	...
472	331	Sappi	468	+6	...	7.8	-
19½	11½	Seafa♦	13½	-1	...	...	...
28½	14	Shandwick	17½	...	...	...	...
350	284	Smith David	349	...	9.5	3.4	15.4
295	240	Smurfit (Jeff)	240	-3	...	1.9	-
345	183	Stat-Plus	244 †	...	8.0	4.1	-
26	16½	Taylor Nelson	23½	...	0.3	1.6	-
53	38	VTR♦	51	...	...	8.5	14.2
74	40	WPP	71	...	...	1.8	...
125	62	Wace	116	-1	2.2	2.4	...
221	203	Waddington (J)	214	...	7.9	4.6	16.2
658	540	Watmough	658	...	11.5	2.2	25.8
6½	4½	Westport♦	5½	...	...	...	20.6
20	12	Whitney Mcka	20	...	...	...	...
74	55	Wood (SW)	70	...	0.2	0.4	...

PROPERTY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
66	41	Allied Lon	63 †	...	3.5	7.0	54.4
61	58	Arcadian	60	...	...	...	...
75	54	Asda	67	-1	2.1	4.0	-
139	88	Avonside	123	-2	4.0	4.1	-
2637½	2062½	BCE♦	2237½	-12½	...	...	...
535	396	Bilton	508 †	-3	18.9	4.7	18.3
26	23	Bourne End	26	...	1.0	5.0	...
181	150	Bradford	179	-2	4.4	3.1	16.3
23	12	Bredero	18	...	...	...	1.7
277	176	Br Land	257	...	6.3	3.1	23.7
198	153	Brixton	179	+3	8.3	6.0	-
57	45	Burford	56	...	1.1	2.6	-
151	99	Cap & Regnl♦	148	...	...	0.9	-
140	120	Cardiff Prop	140	...	2.4	2.1	...
260	196	Chesterfield	245	-2	18.5	...	17.3
32	12	City Site Est	30	...	1.4	...	...
19	12	Clarke Nickolls	15	...	0.3	...	3.6
14	10	Clayform	11	...	...	...	...
1078	818	Daejan	1075	...	25.0	2.9	16.8
3	1½	Dares Estates	2½	...	...	...	...
88	53	Debenham Twsn	70	...	2.5	4.5	25.4
12	4	De Morgan	6	...	...	...	...
108	76	Dencora	107	+1	3.0	3.6	...
425	263	Derwent Hldgs	403 †	-3	8.6	2.7	50.2
225	170	Estates Agency	220	...	3.0	...	20.1
27	7½	Estates Gen	14½	...	...	...	...
84	72	Evanbrook	78	...	2.7	4.6	8.3
143	122	Evans Of Leeds	138	...	4.1	3.8	13.2
24	11	Five Oaks	22	-½	...	...	...
53	30	Fletcher King	52	...	1.0	2.4	37.6
405	285	Frogmore	383	-2	15.0	4.9	21.6
140	97	Grainger	130	-7	5.2	5.0	29.1
170	120	Gt Portland	163	-4	10.0	7.7	16.2
19	7½	Greycoat	17	-½	5.2	...	...
128	101	HK Land	112	...	...	5.8	-
73	35	Hambro Cntyw	73	+2	...	...	...
417	271	Hammerson	396	-5	10.0	3.8	-
382	245	-do- 'A'	299	-9	...	4.3	-
194	127	Helical Bar	193	...	...	3.1	...
26	19	Hemingway	21	-2	...	...	...
132	59	Herring Baker	60	-2	3.7	7.9	-
153	133	Jermyn	138	...	1.5	1.4	...
539	435	Land Sec	531	...	21.7	5.1	16.1
91	73	Lon Merch Sec	87	...	3.8	5.5	13.8
4½	1½	Lon & Metro	3	...	...	...	...
418	324	MEPC	404	...	20.0	6.2	16.9
7½	5	McInerny A	7½	...	...	...	...
110	90	McKay Secs	104	...	6.7	...	17.1
7½	3	Markheath	4½	...	0.5	...	...
49	12	Merivale Mre	39	...	1.0	...	...
7	5	Merlin Intl	5 #	...	...	...	...
35	30	Moorfield Est	30	...	...	...	...
880	775	Mountview	850	...	18.0	2.7	8.7
139	112	Mucklow (A&J)	136	...	5.9	5.6	18.7
40	30	Olives Hldgs	31	...	9.0	...	4.7
10½	4	Oxory Est	4	-2	0.1	...	1.2
201	138	Peel	173	-1	3.0	2.2	...
16	8	Power Corp	12	...	...	...	1.3
123	88	Prop Security	115	...	3.7	4.1	22.9
39	22	Property Trust	26	...	...	...	...
2½	1½	Raglan	2	...	...	...	...
29	11	Regalian	22	...	1.5	6.9	5.3
135	110	Rowlinson Secs	110	...	1.3	1.5	23.4
33	16	St Modwen Prp	31	...	0.6	2.4	23.6
81	39	Savills	56	-3	...	...	...
60	34	Scot Met	55	-1	1.5	...	...
74	39	Shaftesbury	74	...	...	...	...
14½	5	Shield	12½	...	...	...	...
36	17	Sinclair Gldsm	35 #	...	...	...	...
198	139½	Slough Estates	171	+1	...	3.9	12.0
74	56	Southend Prop	67	...	4.1	7.8	33.8
16	7	Speyhawk	13½	-½	...	...	...
27	16	Stanhope Prps♦	25	-2	...	...	...
157	114	Tops Ests	154	...	2.0	1.6	39.1
101	79	Town Centre	100	...	3.1	3.9	18.7
65	43	Trafford Park	57	-2	2.5	5.6	15.4
38	8	UK Land	22	-1	...	...	...
9½	4	Union Square	6½	...	...	...	...
217	180	Warner	209	-5	10.5	6.5	18.5
199	168	Warnford	188	...	7.2	4.8	13.1
8	5½	Waterglade	7½	...	...	...	...
53	35	Wates	51	-1	0.7	1.9	...
70	40	Wood John D♦	70	+2	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18	11	Automagic♦	18	...	...	...	...
132	86	Headlam	132 †	+3	...	2.5	-
500	330	Lambert	345	...	13.0	4.7	-
100	79	Pittard Garnar	79	-1	2.0	3.2	22.6
30	20	Strong & Fisher	27 †	-1½	1.0	4.6	7.5
150	89	Stylo	131	...	3.0	2.9	-
55	53	UK Safety	55	...	...	23.8	1.8

TEXTILES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
485	408	Allied Text	458	-1	12.6	3.4	14.7
69	54	Beckman (A)	55 †	...	4.7	...	10.9
27	21	Bolton Gp	25	...	...	...	12.7
165	141	Br Mohair	155	...	8.5	6.9	-
153	89	Celestion	143	...	1.4	1.2	...
20	15	Chartwell♦	20	...	0.4	2.5	...
345	298	Claremont Gn	335	-3	7.2	2.7	20.9
601	533	Courtauld Tex	533	-2	13.6	3.2	14.6
57½	24½	Cupid♦	39	-2	...	13.5	3.9
248½	221	Dawson	227	...	9.0	5.0	22.1
30	22	Drummond	24	...	1.5	...	7.7
37½	27	Dunkeld	27	...	...	9.0	6.7
72	65	Feupel♦	68	...	...	...	...
34	15	Foster (John)	19	-1	0.5	3.3	...
98	82	Gaskell	98	...	4.2	5.9	...
186	156	Hicking Pntcst	173	...	3.4	2.5	14.7
59	45	Jerome (S)	53	-2	...	...	...
335	249	Lamont	335	...	12.0	4.6	-
434	257½	Leeds	434	+1	...	2.1	21.0
42	15	Lister	37	...	0.1	0.3	...
122	80	Lyles (S)	81	...	4.9	7.7	9.0
113	80	Parkland 'A'	112	+1	2.0	2.2	...
97	82	Readicut	97	+1½	3.4	4.4	19.2
53	35	SEET	41	...	...	...	...
94	72	Stroud	84	...	5.1	7.2	14.8
60	44	Stirling Gp	60	+2	1.6	3.4	22.0
51	42	Sundland	42	...	2.6	7.8	11.2
310	250	Tomkinsons	301	...	11.5	4.8	26.0
62½	37½	West Trust	41	-2	...	7.6	...
417	252	Yorklyde	404	...	10.4	3.3	-

TOBACCOS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1014½	823	BAT	863	+9	...	5.4	18.7
690	584½	Rothmans 'B'	636	+27	10.2	2.0	14.5

TRANSPORT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
408	349	Assoc Br Ports	406	+7	8.5	2.6	...
813	732	BAA	740	...	14.5	2.4	13.1
311	260	Br Airways	282	+4	...	4.7	7.5
81	56	Clarkson (H)	58	...	1.5	3.3	...
25	23	Davies Newman	23 #	...	...	...	...
515	332	Eurotunnel Uts	410	+5	...	...	...
51	44	Fisher (James)	49	...	1.0	2.6	13.2
138	126	Goaig	128	...	4.5	4.4	...
173	147	IoM Steam	173	+2	...	5.8	9.1
33	26	Jacobs (JI)	33	...	0.5	1.9	...
79	41	Lon O'Seas Frts	79	...	1.2	3.0	4.6
2250	1262½	Manchstr Sh	2100	...	4.5	0.3	11.5
349	280	Mersey Docks	333	-2	7.5	2.8	21.3
210	181	Natl Express	200	+7	...	4.4	-
284	238	NFC	246 †	-1	6.5	3.3	18.7
302	244	Ocean Group	271 †	-1	14.3	6.6	...
53	40	Ocean Wilson	53	...	...	6.3	11.8
627	504	P & O Dfd	549	-3	...	6.9	17.6
139	127	P & O 5 1/2%	139	+3	...	4.9	...
536	448	Powell Duffryn	520	-4	22.6	5.4	20.8
138	117	Seacon	131	...	...	4.9	8.2
41½	24	TIP Europe	41¼	...	1.4	4.2	10.1
45½	31½	TNT	41½	-1	...	...	...
765	624	Tibbett & Britn	720 †	...	11.8	2.0	-
382	173	Tiphook	246	-7	17.3	8.8	4.9
268	231	TDG	251	-1	9.5	4.7	-

WATER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
533	460	Anglian Water	494	+2	19.3	4.9	9.0
652	547	Northumbrian	598	...	20.5	4.3	6.2
533	449	North West	492	...	19.6	5.0	8.6
533	430	Severn Trent	486	...	19.3	5.0	7.1
554	454	Sthrn Water	491	...	19.5	5.0	8.7
1335	1225	Sth Staffs	1320	...	42.2	3.8	8.5
569	467	South West	511	...	21.7	5.3	7.7
563	468	Thames Water	504	+1	19.2	4.8	9.5
612	505	Welsh Water	562	+5	21.4	4.8	6.5
649	536	Wessex Water	591	+1	...	4.1	8.0
593	506	Yorkshire W	532	-1	19.5	4.6	8.7

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F East Emerg Ec	79.51	85.70	-0.78	0.76
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon, SN1 1EL 0793 514514 Dealing: 0793 610366				
High Inc	368.40	393.80	-3.30	4.18
Equity Inc	207.80	222.10	-1.60	4.10
High Yield	226.60	242.20†	-2.30	4.25
Balanced	628.40	671.70	-7.00	2.65
American Inc	45.16	48.27	-0.16	3.52
Wld Asset Val	38.41	41.06	+0.06	2.00
Japan	191.10	203.50	+1.60	0.01
Secs of Am	381.50	406.00	+1.80	0.45
AXA EQUITY & LAW St George's Hse, Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1QD. 0203 553231				
UK Growth Acc	304.60	324.10†	-1.60	2.78
-do- Inc	215.70	229.50†	-1.10	2.78
Higher Inc Acc	555.40	590.90†	-3.70	3.77
-do- Inc	337.20	358.80†	-2.30	3.77
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	172.90	182.60	+0.70	6.23
-do- Inc	90.60	95.69	+0.31	6.23
Nth America	242.00	257.50†	+7.50	...
Far East	284.80	303.00†	-4.50	0.18
Europe	216.40	230.30†	+1.90	1.19
General Inc	412.70	439.10†	-1.10	2.39
-do- Acc	452.70	481.70†	-1.30	2.39
Brit Excell	61.86	65.81†	-1.21	2.76
Brit Fndmtls Inc	66.10	70.32†	-0.51	4.94
Brit Fndmtls Acc	85.20	90.64†	-0.66	4.94
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD Gredley Hse, 1-11 Broadway, London E15 081 534 5544				
Capital	102.40	109.60	-0.70	3.18
Euro Gth Inc	111.20	117.90	-0.20	1.00
Extra Inc	101.60	108.70†	-0.40	5.44
General	232.70	248.90†	-2.00	3.47
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.44	59.38	+0.05	8.72
Income	471.60	504.40	-1.10	4.94
BARING FUND MANAGERS PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ 081 658 9002				
American Gth	85.54	90.93	+1.91	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	113.10	121.30	+6.70	...
Convertibles	52.16	55.78	-0.32	6.90
Eastern	173.30	186.40	-1.30	1.60
Equity Income	79.76	84.85†	+0.08	6.20
European Gth	221.30	235.40†	-1.90	1.50
Euro Smllr Cos	147.90	158.10	+0.40	1.90
Exempt	80.61	82.80	-0.19	3.60
German Growth	54.99	58.66	+0.49	0.70
Global Growth	104.20	111.00	-0.60	...
Japan Growth	192.90	206.10	+3.30	...
Japan Sunrise	166.70	178.20	+2.00	...
Portfolio	114.20	122.30	+0.10	3.20
-do- Acc	203.50	218.00	-0.20	3.20
UK Growth	78.41	83.41	-0.65	2.90
UK Smaller Cos	80.41	85.99†	-0.74	1.90
Select Managers	61.38	65.76†	-0.12	2.00
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD 190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA 041 332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	101.68	108.75	-0.80	1.87
-do- Inc	92.44	98.86†	-0.73	1.87
Global Bond	28.74	30.49	+0.09	4.89
High Yield Acc	52.09	55.71	-0.22	4.06
-do- Inc	37.81	40.44†	-0.16	4.06
Smlr Cos Acc	88.74	94.91	+0.10	1.35
-do- Inc	81.56	87.23†	+0.09	1.35
Amer Gth Acc	56.00	59.89	-1.30	...
-do- Inc	54.95	58.77	+1.27	...
Euro Gth Acc	97.55	104.34	+0.65	1.07
-do- Inc	96.22	102.90	+0.63	1.07
Mngd P folio	33.88	36.24†	+0.17	1.31
Pacific Growth	95.70	102.35	...	0.58
Intl Spec Opps	84.70	90.59	+0.76	0.67
BROWN SHIPLEY 9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458144				
Financial	118.50	126.20	+0.40	3.32
Smaller Cos Acc	280.30	299.90	-2.90	...
Smaller Cos Inc	163.00	174.40†	-1.70	1.24
High Inc	69.74	74.98	+0.26	6.99
Income	124.00	132.70†	...	4.14
Mngd P folio Inc	91.81	97.78	-0.17	2.03
-do- Acc	173.50	184.80	-0.30	...
North American	98.78	105.20	-2.20	0.21
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542 Dealing: 071 247 7474				
Fellowship Tst	60.83	64.72†	+0.14	1.42
-do- Acc	68.58	72.96	+0.16	1.16
Income Fund 5	206.60	219.80	-2.50	4.19
-do- Acc	480.70	511.70†	-5.50	4.02
Inv Portfolio	65.47	67.85†	-0.24	2.09
-do- Acc	73.93	76.62	-0.27	2.03
Smaller Cos	125.30	133.30	+0.10	1.52
-do- Acc	150.40	160.10	+0.10	...
High Inc P folio	58.78	60.92	-0.89	4.74
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH 061 837 5060				
Environ	132.30	140.80	-0.70	1.70
UK Growth	142.50	151.60	-1.40	2.19
UK Income	119.90	127.60†	-0.60	4.21
CANNON FUND MANAGERS 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081 902 8876				
SE Asia	80.82	86.44†	-0.52	1.72
Growth	43.31	46.32	-0.56	2.96
Income	52.76	56.43	-0.35	4.31
Far East	47.27	50.56†	-0.07	0.16
North American	78.54	84.00†	-3.41	0.01
Global	80.75	86.37	+0.91	0.77
European	68.40	73.16	-0.81	1.29
Japan	110.40	118.10	+1.30	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	56.83	60.20†	+0.50	5.33
UK Cap Gwth	75.29	80.53†	-1.50	2.22
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF Enquiries: 061 236 5685 Dealing: 061 236 5362				
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	122.30	130.20†	+2.80	0.12
-do- Acc	130.00	138.30	+2.90	0.12
European	64.05	67.83	+0.16	0.91
-do- Acc	66.39	70.31	+0.17	0.91
Far East Gen	62.75	66.76	-0.33	...
-do- Acc	62.75	66.76	-0.33	...
Glenfriars	243.10	258.70	+7.50	0.74
-do- Acc	273.80	291.30	+8.50	0.74
Growth	369.60	395.30	-4.00	2.35
-do- Acc	632.70	676.70	-6.90	2.35
Income Growth	368.00	391.50	-2.80	3.84
-do- Acc	489.20	520.50	-3.80	3.84
Master Portfolio	9170.0	9490.0†	-25.00	2.91
-do- Acc	10612.0	10994.0	-28.00	2.91
Special Sits	85.05	90.46	-0.08	2.29
-do- Acc	99.52	105.86	-0.08	2.29
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1165.0	1202.0†	-32.00	4.43
-do- Acc	1375.0	1418.0	-11.00	4.43
CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU 071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055				
American Index	180.90	192.70	+0.80	1.71
Capital	515.00	549.60†	-4.30	2.42
Eurotrack 100	125.10	133.10	-0.30	1.55
Euro Gth	77.35	82.30	-0.48	1.37
Far East Growth	87.90	93.81	+0.10	0.14
Global Bond	22.92	24.16	+0.08	6.19
Hong Kong	74.13	79.11	-1.11	0.87
Income	486.50	519.20†	-2.90	4.01
Intl Growth	71.61	76.42	+0.05	1.02
Japan Growth	266.50	284.40	+0.30	...
Japan Smllr Cos	33.15	35.37	+0.22	...
Japan Index	76.25	81.37	-0.31	0.24
Nth American	405.40	432.60†	+6.00	1.00
S'pore Mly Gth	49.57	52.90†	-1.76	...
The Footsie Fd	104.40	110.20	-0.90	2.67
Tiger Index	130.90	139.60	-1.60	0.72
UK Index	119.90	127.90	-0.90	3.04
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH 071 606 0708				
American P folio	79.91	85.36	+0.47	1.00
European P folio	70.06	74.51†	-0.18	1.38
Japanese P folio	62.97	66.88	+0.52	...
Pacific P folio	93.18	100.20	-0.76	1.16
Cazenove P folio	68.87	73.66	-0.16	3.00
UK Income Gth	60.99	65.48†	-0.41	5.00
Utility & Bond	48.80	49.42	-0.12	7.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	595.05	600.00	-12.90	4.82
Fixed Int	152.70	152.80	-3.50	9.49
Deposit	5.70*	...	...	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Income	585.54	585.74	-11.75	5.10
-do- Acc	2295.4	2305.3	-32.30	...
Deposit	5.65	...	...	...
Fxd Int Inc	124.15	124.16	-2.65	9.34
-do- Acc	165.20	165.44	-2.35	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1 071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	61.72	64.97†	-0.30	2.32
Beckman Intl	78.54	82.88†	-0.24	3.20
Friars Hse Inc	174.03	187.13†	-6.32	6.22
Friars Hse Cap	245.35	263.82	-2.81	2.76
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR9 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222 Dealing: 081 686 9818				
Japan Gth Acc	41.16	43.79	+0.06	...
Smaller Cos	34.62	36.83	+0.86	1.86
-do- Acc	39.00	41.49	+0.97	1.86
UK General	66.17	70.39	-0.65	2.52
-do- Acc	79.33	84.39	-0.78	2.52
Wwide Bd	61.27	65.87	+0.38	6.31
-do- Acc	78.74	83.62	+0.48	6.21
Wwide Sp Sits	55.07	58.90	+0.48	0.18
-do- Acc	57.37	61.36	+0.50	0.18
Quilter General	117.00	124.47†	-1.20	2.52
-do- Acc	129.94	138.23	-1.41	2.52
Quilter Income	91.03	96.84†	-1.15	3.93
-do- Acc	112.20	119.36	-1.41	3.93
Quilter Intl	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
Quilter UK spec	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	75.86	80.70	-0.23	0.98
Japanese Acc	60.56	64.43	+0.13	...
UK Balncd Inc	123.90	131.80	-0.50	2.55
-do- Acc	144.60	153.80	-0.70	2.55
UK Growth Acc	203.30	216.30†	-0.60	2.23
UK High Inc	129.30	137.60†	-4.50	6.91
-do- Acc	156.50	166.50†	-1.30	6.91
N America Acc	105.40	112.10	-1.50	0.35
European Acc	150.00	159.60	-1.00	0.44
UK Pref F/I Inc	59.67	63.30	-0.14	8.93
-do- Acc	96.30	102.20	+0.30	8.93
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	106.10	112.70	+0.70	0.44
UK Smlr Cos	188.70	200.50†	-4.10	1.25
Eurofund	36.54	38.70	-0.05	1.03
Mngd Exempt	163.80	170.70†	+0.60	3.08
Growth Inc	206.90	219.80	-1.70	3.87
High Dist	134.50	142.90†	-3.80	5.42
International	310.70	330.10	-2.70	0.98
Intl Income	77.53	82.76†	-0.46	3.14
Pacific	55.28	58.74	-0.17	0.51
Smllr Jap Cos	66.76	70.93	+0.65	...
Tokyo	200.30	212.80	-1.10	...
Japan Exempt	114.90	118.00	+0.90	0.42
Sm Jap Exempt	552.20	567.30	+6.20	0.09
Formerly Target				
American Eagle	116.30	123.50	+1.10	1.13
Australia	6.712	7.132	-0.07	1.12
Equity	181.40	192.70	-1.30	3.60
Euro Spec Sits	137.50	145.50	-1.30	0.58
Financial	38.10	40.48	-0.46	2.99
Global Opps Inc	86.15	91.53	+0.07	2.20
-do- Acc	89.29	94.87	+0.07	2.20
Gold Gen Inc	43.81	46.55†	+0.04	0.93
-do- Acc	84.09	89.35†	+0.09	0.93
Income	118.10	125.50	-0.80	3.90
Japan General	155.30	165.00	-0.10	...
Preference	21.23	22.56†	+0.03	8.05
UK Capital	101.40	107.70	-1.00	3.13
Worldwide Cap	190.90	202.80	-0.60	3.17
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7261				
Endurance	170.80	181.60	+2.20	1.10
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW 0296 431480				
Pelican	101.18	106.50†	-1.18	3.38
High Income	117.35	123.53†	-3.51	4.92
Tst of Inv Tsts	140.35	147.74	-0.15	2.17
Special Sits	82.38	86.72	-1.24	2.81
North American	100.21	105.48	+1.83	0.96
Far Eastern	231.84	244.04	+0.23	1.44
Intl Growth	90.69	95.46	+0.18	1.41
European	61.97	65.23	+0.07	2.24
Smaller Cos	68.69	72.30	-1.08	2.23
FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE 0273 220 707				
United Charities	218.00	231.80†	...	3.62
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.40
European Tst	114.70	122.00	+0.70	...
High Income	24.33	25.60†	-0.13	5.82
FOREIGN & COLONIAL 8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	89.14	94.31	+0.40	0.84
Far Eastern	133.00	142.10	+0.30	...
Oseas Income	85.56	91.44	+0.19	2.58
UK Growth	90.87	97.19	-0.62	1.16
UK Income	98.92	105.80†	-2.60	3.75
US Smaller Cos	231.20	247.30	-10.40	...
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
Am Smllr Co	404.40	432.40	+17.00	...
-do- Acc	413.10	441.70	+17.30	...
Capital	284.60	302.70	-1.20	1.91
-do- Acc	396.40	421.60	-1.50	1.91
Contl Smllr Cos	47.36	50.93	+0.27	0.90
-do- Acc	49.01	52.70	+0.28	0.90
Convertible	111.70	118.80	-0.10	6.06
-do- Acc	206.90	220.00	-0.20	6.06
European	93.96	100.40	-0.60	0.87
-do- Acc	97.09	103.80	-0.60	0.87
Extra Income	286.70	304.90	-1.50	4.10
-do- Acc	401.40	426.90	-2.30	4.10
Financial	101.40	108.90†	+0.70	0.66
-do- Acc	106.20	114.10†	+0.70	0.66
Health Fund Inc	108.30	115.70	+4.60	...
-do- Acc	108.30	115.70	+4.60	...
Income Tst	175.60	186.70	-1.50	3.76
-do- Acc	344.80	360.30	-2.00	3.76
Intl Growth	299.20	319.50	+4.90	...
-do- Acc	332.20	354.80	+5.50	...
Japan Gen	171.80	183.70	+2.40	...
-do- Acc	173.50	185.50	+2.40	...
Mngd P folio Inc	88.13	92.76†	-0.07	0.94
-do- Acc	92.64	97.51†	+0.20	0.94
Monthly Income	147.80	157.20	-0.10	4.12
Recovery	281.80	301.30	+3.40	0.74
-do- Acc	330.00	352.90	+4.00	0.74
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts. SP1 3SH Dealing: 0722 411411 Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	335.66	357.08†	-5.97	2.92
-do- Acc	686.08	729.87†	-3.17	2.92
Euro Gth Dist	103.17	109.76	+0.05	0.97
-do- Acc	106.26	113.04	+0.05	0.97
Fixed Int Dist	127.96	135.35	-0.05	6.45
-do- Acc	214.97	227.38	-0.10	6.45
Intl Gth Dist	74.29	79.03	-0.03	0.81
-do- Acc	76.84	81.75	+0.03	0.81
Nth Amer Dist	158.81	168.23	+0.80	0.97
-do- Acc	172.21	182.43	+0.86	0.97
Pac Basin Dist	235.48	250.51	-1.49	0.29
-do- Acc	239.19	254.46	-1.51	0.29
Stewardship Dist	294.15	312.93†	-2.87	1.85
-do- Acc	350.71	373.10†	-0.53	1.85
Stwd Inc Dist	61.87	65.82†	-0.76	3.51
-do- Acc	76.37	81.25†	-0.32	3.51
N Am Stwd Dist	91.86	97.72	+2.30	...
-do- Acc	97.17	103.37	+2.43	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS 8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 228 4567. Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	135.20	144.60†	+7.20	...
European	393.00	417.40	+4.10	1.02
Far East General	215.70	230.70	+0.10	0.31
Germany	95.07	100.60	+0.10	0.45
Global Assets In	64.63	68.97†	-0.93	2.34
Global Assets Ac	68.53	73.13	-0.11	2.28
Income Inc	115.70	123.80	-0.20	7.10
International	253.80	271.10	+0.30	1.03
Intl Income	76.35	81.16	+0.48	4.91
Japan General	357.90	380.30†	+5.80	...
Smllr Cos Div	46.08	49.29	-0.32	6.16
UK Capital Inc	157.50	168.50	-0.30	3.96
-do- Acc	269.40	288.20	-0.50	3.89
Uk Spec Sits	71.41	76.38	-0.58	1.66
US General	107.70	114.70†	+0.90	0.12
W wide Spec Sits	111.40	119.20	-0.10	0.11
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212 Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	42.52	45.48	-0.75	1.47
Cash Trust*	128.44	128.44	+0.11	5.02
Pract Inv Inc	100.06	107.30	+0.03	4.06
-do- Acc	214.80	230.35	+0.06	4.06
UK Smaller Cos	99.12	106.29	+2.69	1.06
Income Funds				
Preference Share	25.16	26.91†	+0.38	7.88
High Inc	30.39	32.50†	-0.62	5.14
UK Equity Inc	123.57	132.16	-1.91	4.02
Global Bond	28.55	29.59	+0.13	5.85
International Funds				
Gold Inst	75.11	80.55	+0.44	1.04
Frontier Markets	39.09	41.92†	-0.20	0.43
Global Inc Gth	114.18	121.81†	+0.57	2.26
UK Intl	107.94	115.44	-0.49	0.42
Overseas Funds				
American	121.79	129.73	+2.69	0.51
European	79.15	83.92	+0.40	0.68
Euro Sel Opps	91.93	97.95	+0.85	0.85
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 588 0526				
Intl Growth	122.31	130.81	+0.37	0.37
American Gth	116.03	124.10	+3.43	...
European Gth	66.20	70.70	+0.48	0.42
German Horizn	...	...	...	...
Japan Gth	76.66	82.01	-0.01	...
Pacific Inc	135.52	144.94	-1.08	2.85
Pacific Strategy	114.03	121.96	+1.15	0.25
UK Prog Inc	71.24	75.14	-0.47	4.61
Gt British Cos	46.58	49.09†	-1.17	2.70
UK Small Cos	45.22	48.36	+0.15	2.12
GRE UNIT MANAGERS 36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE 071 538 9668				
Cash	130.90	130.90†	...	4.99
Gilt Fixed	117.20	124.40	+0.20	6.62
Growth Equity	277.00	295.90	-4.10	2.14
Guardhill	408.40	436.30	-4.50	2.41
Income Trust	105.40	112.60	-1.50	3.48
International	150.80	161.10	+0.40	0.37
Japan Trust	122.10	130.40	-0.10	...
Nth American	237.80	254.00†	+1.80	0.49
Pacific	352.10	376.10†	-4.90	...
European	336.40	359.30	+3.90	0.57
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1BW 0800 838868				
Global Adv Inc	33.99	36.03	-0.10	1.80
-do- Acc	35.57	37.71	+0.11	1.80
Inc Adv Inc	28.66	30.38	-0.08	4.29
-do- Acc	29.79	31.58	-0.08	4.29
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690390				
Canadian	71.11	76.18	-0.17	0.93
Equity Income	109.00	116.00	-2.80	3.47
European	129.10	136.50†	+0.70	0.89
Intl Situation	73.16	77.83	+0.79	...
Japanese	141.30	149.90	+1.60	...
North American	93.98	99.68	-0.10	...
Scandinavian	113.40	119.90	+5.10	0.43
Smaller Cos	28.51	31.39	-0.67	2.04
HENDERSON PO Box 2157, Kings House, 101-135 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET Enq: 0277 263290 Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	84.27	90.08†	-2.50	...
Asian Enterprise	119.17	128.24	-2.04	0.74
Australian	131.87	140.95†	-0.53	1.27
European	336.96	377.78†	+0.97	1.37
European Inc	67.81	71.72	+0.17	3.12
Euro Sml Co	119.74	127.91	+0.72	0.69
Extra Income	253.61	269.98	-0.29	4.55
Family of Funds	68.35	72.96	+0.43	1.30
Fixed Interest	54.69	58.48	+0.08	8.06
Global Resour	92.54	99.33	+0.47	0.86
High Inc	278.25	297.44†	-0.86	4.23
Income Gth	232.62	247.73	-1.02	3.38
-do- Acc	585.37	623.41	-2.59	3.38
International	220.13	234.35†	-1.37	0.85
Japan Spec Sit	232.28	247.17	+1.13	...
Japan	200.95	213.55	-0.06	...
N Amer	206.38	219.70	+2.02	0.22
Pacific Smllr Cos	175.36	188.32	-0.44	0.37
Pref Gilt	44.50	48.34†	-0.53	8.43
Smaller Cos Div	159.69	174.05†	-0.95	3.96
Special Sits	248.13	265.46	-6.36	2.08
-do- Acc	382.33	409.08	-9.81	2.08
Best of British	53.61	57.50†	-0.68	2.36
Spirit of the East	57.65	61.51†	-0.15	0.42
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	85.02	90.93	-1.92	2.49
Capital	150.00	160.40	-2.50	2.04
Dollar	290.00	310.10	+4.50	0.07
European	188.60	201.70	+0.50	0.60
Far East	223.40	238.90	-2.50	0.52
Financial	662.00	708.00†	-7.20	2.52
Gilt Fnd Int Inc	25.28	26.26	+0.04	8.13
High Yield	98.37	103.20	-0.20	4.80
Income	129.10	138.00	-1.30	3.83
Intl	205.10	219.20	-0.70	0.28
Japan Tech	69.08	73.88	-0.25	...
Nat Resources	55.62	59.48	-0.50	0.72
Security	286.50	306.40†	-6.20	2.19
Smaller Cos	107.00	114.40†	-2.00	1.52
INVESCO MIM UT MANAGERS 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	23.73	25.98	-0.07	1.60
Special Features	26.20	27.83†	-0.14	1.68
-do- Acc	30.93	32.86†	-0.16	1.68
General Funds				
UK Growth	50.82	54.47†	-0.86	1.86
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 5151				
European	71.06	75.60	+0.04	0.89
Extra Income	23.15	24.63†	-0.13	3.41
Far East	25.83	27.48†	+0.07	0.96
Income Gwth	69.96	74.43	-1.34	2.98
Intl Growth	49.55	52.71†	-0.14	0.76
Japan	63.42	67.47	+0.34	...
Maximum Dist*	99.31	101.30†	-0.20	6.86
N Amer Equity	36.38	38.70	+0.27	0.49
UK Equity	83.49	88.82†	-0.43	2.96
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	51.70	55	-0.48	4.55
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	409.60	435.70	-2.30	2.97
Equity Acc	777.40	827.00	-4.90	2.97
Equity Income	89.24	94.94	-0.23	5.20
European	91.86	97.72	-0.54	1.75
Far Eastern	174.10	185.20	-3.30	0.31
Fixed Interest	50.63	52.86	-0.15	6.48
Gilt	88.38	93.72†	+0.11	6.56
Global Growth	62.96	66.98	-0.59	0.78
Intl Bond	54.19	57.65	...	4.93
Japanese	68.75	73.14	+0.48	...
Overseas Equity	90.96	96.77	-0.86	0.82
Pacific Gth	80.92	86.09†	-1.32	1.30
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834313				
Balanced	297.80	316.90†	-9.70	3.00
-do- Acc	653.90	695.70	-11.60	3.00
Contl Euro Gth	48.97	51.55	+0.16	1.60
-do- Acc	51.79	54.52	+0.17	1.60
Extra Inc	233.90	248.50	-1.40	3.89
-do- Acc	569.00	605.40	-3.30	3.89
German Gth	97.71	102.90	+0.30	0.34
-do- Acc	102.50	107.90	+0.30	0.34
Growth Port	476.00	506.40	+0.70	0.37
-do- Acc	476.00	506.40	+0.70	0.37
Income	433.40	461.30†	-0.60	3.57
-do- Acc	1112.0	1183.0	-2.00	3.57
Income Port	475.90	506.30†	-0.70	4.56
-do- Acc	480.50	511.20	-0.70	4.56
Japan Growth	92.93	98.87	+0.61	0.01
-do- Acc	93.26	99.22	+0.61	0.01
Master Trust	50.31	53.53	+0.04	1.79
-do- Acc	54.72	58.22	-0.05	1.79

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Extra Inc	77.31	82.89	-0.01	4.90
Gilt	27.45	28.89	+0.04	6.83
Income Gth	37.43	40.04†	-0.25	3.52
MIDastar	74.09	75.84†	+0.15	8.09
Preference	17.63	19.31	-0.05	6.20
UK Income	297.60	318.20†	-2.30	3.01
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Fincl Sec	53.85	57.21	-0.12	1.32
Property Shares	59.60	63.32	-0.28	1.87
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Exempt	137.90	145.10†	-3.40	3.86
European Acc	106.10	112.30	...	1.87
European Dist	101.00	106.90	...	1.87
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	46.64	49.58	+0.55	0.94
European Perf	105.00	111.40	+0.40	1.09
-do- Acc	106.90	113.50	+0.40	1.08
Euro Small Cos	20.63	21.97	+0.09	0.76
French Growth	64.50	68.66	-0.61	0.54
-do- Acc	68.91	73.34	-0.66	0.54
Hong K/China	66.22	71.13	+0.24	1.75
Intl Growth	48.97	52.03	+0.25	0.67
-do- Acc	48.97	52.03	+0.25	0.67
Japan Perf	34.55	36.70	-0.06	...
Accum Units	34.55	36.70	-0.06	...
Japan Smllr Cos	34.78	36.98	+0.20	...
Singapore Asean	73.26	79.67	-0.62	0.31
-do- Acc	73.72	80.16	-0.63	0.31
South East Asia	213.80	230.90	-2.00	1.03
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD 10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	69.25	69.59†	+0.05	4.96
Extra Income	50.65	53.88	-0.06	6.79
Gilt Yield	116.90	123.30	+0.10	7.47
Global Income	189.80	201.50†	-2.00	4.34
High Yield	127.80	136.00†	-2.50	6.08
Smllr Cos Div	45.96	48.89†	-0.31	4.30
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	84.22	89.60	+0.28	...
North American	70.61	75.12	+0.43	0.43
European	125.90	133.90	...	0.87
Euro Special	76.00	80.85	-0.90	0.95
General	253.20	269.50	-3.80	3.31
Japan	399.40	424.90†	-1.90	...
Japanese Special	212.50	226.10	+1.30	...
Master Acc	208.90	222.20	-0.70	1.39
Pacific	251.00	267.00†	-0.90	0.60
Smaller Cos	98.61	104.90	...	2.00
N American Gen	169.10	179.90	+2.60	0.01
-do- Acc	195.30	207.80	+3.00	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	127.60	135.80	+6.20	0.01
-do- Acc	130.20	138.60	+6.30	0.01
Pacific Basin	192.50	204.80	-4.70	0.59
-do- Acc	203.50	216.50	-4.90	0.59
Small Cos Rec	298.40	312.00†	+0.60	2.41
-do- Acc	386.00	406.40	+0.90	2.41
UK Growth	76.58	81.47	+0.98	2.47
-do- Acc	89.30	95.00	+1.15	2.47
Worldwide Gth	263.10	279.90	+0.40	0.32
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282673				
General	74.01	79.41†	-1.70	3.10
Income	58.31	62.56	-0.10	5.90
International	54.92	58.93	+0.24	0.80
American	56.03	60.12	+0.85	0.40
Japan	53.09	56.96	+0.34	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	53.62	57.53†	+0.10	2.10
M & G SECURITIES LTD Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	363.80	384.00	+3.30	0.82
-do- Acc	448.60	473.80	+4.00	0.82
American Rec	385.80	408.00†	+6.90	0.17
-do- Acc	442.10	467.50	+8.00	0.17
Am Sm Co Acc	111.50	117.90	+4.40	0.01
Australia Acc	148.00	156.40	+2.80	1.23
Capital	635.30	671.80	-5.60	2.64
-do- Acc	701.00	741.20	-6.30	2.64
Commodity Acc	404.10	427.30	-6.40	0.76
Compnd Gth	788.40	833.80	-10.70	3.01
Dividend	34.40	36.40	-0.30	4.27
-do- Acc	133.80	141.80	-0.90	4.27
Equity Inc	288.30	304.90	+0.20	4.86
European Div	57.80	61.10	+0.40	4.42
-do- Acc	65.30	69.10	+0.50	4.42
European Gen	369.60	390.90	+1.20	1.68
-do- Acc	461.70	488.30	+1.40	1.68
Extra Yield	364.70	385.70	-3.50	4.41
-do- Acc	1056.4	1127.8	-10.30	4.41
Far Eastern	286.30	302.80	-0.70	0.66
-do- Acc	376.60	398.30	-0.90	0.66
Fund of Inv	482.70	510.50	+0.10	2.29
-do- Acc	871.00	921.20	+0.20	2.29
General	51.70	54.70	-0.50	3.67
-do- Acc	136.30	144.10	-1.30	3.67
Gilt Fnd Int	61.10	61.30	+0.10	8.08
do Acc	150.90	151.10	+0.40	8.08
Gold	47.80	50.60	-0.80	1.17
-do- Acc	55.90	59.20	+1.00	1.17
High Inc	24.30	25.70	-0.20	4.61
-do- Acc	89.90	95.20	-0.90	4.61
Intl Growth	66.30	70.30	+0.20	0.92
-do- Acc	114.30	121.20	+0.30	0.92
Intl Inc	89.80	95.90†	+0.40	4.63
Japan Gen Acc	49.10	51.80	+0.30	...
Japan Smllr Cos	142.70	150.90	+1.80	...
Midland	51.80	54.80†	-0.30	3.52
-do- Acc	165.60	175.40	+1.00	3.52
Recovery	35.40	37.40	-0.40	2.80
-do- Acc	55.60	58.70	-0.70	2.80
Second Gen	59.20	62.60	-0.10	3.59
-do- Acc	144.80	153.10	+0.20	3.59
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG 0244 680066				
Inv Port Inc	131.70	140.80	-0.30	2.11
-do- Acc	146.20	156.40	-0.30	2.11
UK Income	110.30	117.90	-0.80	2.78
-do- Acc	123.00	131.50	-0.80	2.78
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	74.17	79.32	-0.69	0.86
Far East (Pacific)	129.70	137.60	-2.90	0.69
Income Growth	68.54	72.75†	-2.09	4.34
European	65.12	69.12	+0.31	1.31
Nth American	54.45	57.80	+0.45	1.05
UK Growth	73.12	77.62	-0.88	1.66
Intl Growth	89.82	95.34†	-0.49	0.56
Charities	103.10	109.40†	-4.20	3.89
Intl Income	65.13	69.13	-0.35	4.36
Japan	52.60	55.83	+0.84	0.08
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860				
American	176.70	187.40	+1.10	...
-do- Acc	188.80	200.20	+1.10	...
Cash	100.30	100.30†	+0.10	5.54
-do- Acc	129.00	129.00†	+0.10	5.54
European Gth	185.10	196.20	-1.10	0.81
-do- Acc	198.20	210.10	+1.20	0.81
General	440.50	469.70†	-5.50	2.58
-do- Acc	837.60	893.90†	-10.40	2.58
Global Dist	127.70	134.20†	-0.30	5.44
-do- Acc	142.90	150.20†	-0.20	5.44
Income	133.10	142.00	-1.20	4.80
-do- Acc	194.70	207.70	-1.80	4.80
International	367.50	391.30	-0.40	0.71
-do- Acc	487.50	519.10	-0.40	0.71
Japan	175.30	185.90	-0.70	...
-do- Acc	179.90	190.80	-0.80	...
New Europe 0	131.60	140.40	+0.70	1.85
-do- Acc	133.70	142.70	+0.70	1.85
Recovery	283.70	302.70	-2.00	2.96
-do- Acc	358.70	382.70	-2.50	2.96
European Inc	71.54	75.96	+0.20	3.21
-do- Acc	90.75	96.36	+0.25	3.21
Brit Blue Chip	69.07	73.61†	-0.87	3.42
-do- Acc	81.46	86.82†	-1.03	3.42
Portfolio	71.11	75.62†	-0.31	3.00
-do- Acc	80.86	85.99†	-0.35	3.00
Gold General	100.70	108.30	+3.60	0.87
-do- Acc	102.00	109.70	+3.60	0.87
Pacific	85.40	91.09	-1.19	0.92
-do- Acc	90.27	96.29	-1.26	0.92
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD 192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD Dealing: 0742 520 200 Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
Balanced Dist	55.60	59.47†	...	3.05
-do- Acc	56.46	60.39	+0.08	3.05
British Dist	74.04	79.19	-0.32	2.07
-do- Acc	83.81	89.64	-0.37	2.07
European Gth	161.00	172.00	+0.80	0.33
-do- Acc	202.20	215.90	+1.00	0.33
Extra High Inc	66.73	71.37†	+0.02	6.35
-do- Acc	117.30	125.50	...	6.35
FT-SE 100 Index	46.61	49.85	-0.30	2.71
-do- Acc	46.61	49.85	-0.30	2.71
Gilt Fixed Int	55.26	57.53	+0.13	6.87
-do- Acc	145.40	151.30	+0.30	6.87
High Yield	207.90	222.40†	-6.10	4.73
-do- Acc	488.30	522.20	-2.10	4.73
Income	268.00	286.60	-1.40	3.56
-do- Acc	557.20	595.90	-2.90	3.56
Japan Gth	335.00	358.30	-0.50	...
-do- Acc	353.60	378.20	-0.50	...
Mandarin Acc	91.61	97.98	-0.70	1.25
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Dealing: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 8123				
American Gth	244.60	260.80	+6.70	...
Deposit Inc	100.33	100.20	+0.07	4.66
Deposit Acc	122.17	122.17	+0.07	4.66
Euro Gth Acc	260.10	277.50	+0.60	...
Europa	117.50	126.00	-1.00	...
Intl Gth	161.80	172.80†	+0.90	...
Japan Tracker	74.05	78.39†	+0.01	...
UK Equity Inc	142.10	153.10†	-0.60	4.29
-do- Acc	174.10	187.60†	-0.70	4.29
UK Ind Tracker	137.20	147.00	-0.80	3.29
US Eq Ind Trkr	179.40	190.10	+0.90	1.53
-do- Acc	189.80	201.10	+0.90	1.53
Asian Trader	146.00	158.10†	-0.50	0.49
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	154.90	158.40	+0.80	2.41
European	58.79	60.06	+0.05	1.17
Olympiad	51.46	52.78	-0.13	0.49
Global Bond	45.92	46.43†	-0.56	6.72
Smaller Cos	63.15	65.81†	-0.49	1.24
Equity Income	89.49	91.95	-0.81	5.22
UK Growth	79.81	82.15†	-0.61	2.13
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD The Bilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222 Dealing: 0705 387750				
American Acc	44.01	46.94	+0.25	1.02
Australian Acc	280.80	301.20	-2.40	...
Conscience	62.32	66.50	-0.45	0.93
-do- Acc	66.92	71.41	-0.48	0.93
European	159.90	170.50†	+0.80	1.14
-do- Acc	172	183.40	+0.80	1.14
Extra Income	70.34	75.06	-0.83	5.92
-do- Acc	106.80	113.90	-0.80	5.92
Far East Gth	154.20	164.80	-3.30	0.14
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.03	60.36	+0.08	6.43
Gold	37.88	40.23	+0.97	...
-do- Acc	40.79	43.86	+1.04	...
Income	50.54	53.93	-0.21	5.21
-do- Acc	151.50	161.60	-3.10	5.21
International	27.94	29.97	+0.09	1.10
-do- Acc	40.15	43.07	+0.13	1.10
Jap Sm Cos Acc	315.10	336.10	+3.80	...
S pore Mly Acc	163.10	174.90	-5.00	...
Smllr Cos Acc	24.46	26.30	-0.41	2.09
N & P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5322				
N&P UK Growth	65.25	69.42	-0.38	2.86
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	72.85	77.10	-0.55	7.21
N&P Higher Inc	188.40	200.50	-1.10	4.55
N&P UK Income	98.64	104.94	-0.79	3.87
N&P Intl	83.61	88.95†	-0.27	1.83
N&P Smaller Cos	71.07	75.61†	-2.90	1.62
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS 2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA 071 407 4404				
General	154.94	164.84†	+0.42	2.33
Global	266.97	284.02†	+2.49	1.14
Growth	102.79	109.36†	-0.03	2.55
Income	192.00	204.26†	-0.18	4.40
Intl Bond	121.99	129.53†	+0.50	6.49
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 508, Peterborough PE2 6BR 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577				
Growth	131.30	138.10†	-4.10	1.49
-do- Acc	232.80	245.00	-1.30	1.49
Income	209.00	222.30†	-1.00	3.71
Intl Equity	212.70	226.30	...	0.92
-do- Acc	232.90	247.70	-0.10	0.92
Equity	209.40	222.70	-1.60	2.49
-do- Acc	426.50	451.60	-3.00	2.49
UK Intl 25 Acc	66.40	70.63	-0.35	1.99
UK Income	58.18	61.89	-0.23	3.22
UK Smllr Co Acc	70.47	74.97	-0.29	1.52
New Europe Acc	58.74	62.49	+0.21	1.52
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	86.19	92.19	+0.25	0.13
PEP Gth Inc	95.76	102.42	+0.66	1.15
Intl Gth	499.06	533.96	-2.90	0.86
Income	286.33	306.24†	-1.62	3.48
W wide Recov	291.69	311.97	+0.28	0.46
American Gth	190.71	203.97	+2.48	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	175.41	187.61	+1.56	0.09
Far East Gth	207.94	222.40	+3.06	0.01
European Gth	108.35	115.89	+0.92	1.27
UK Growth	73.36	78.46	-0.70	3.05
High Income	79.69	85.24	-0.21	4.59
Japanese Gth	210.40	223.66	+2.91	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 262443				
International	164.50	175.00†	-2.80	0.91
High Income	105.60	112.40†	-0.10	3.76
Conv Gilt	107.20	114.00	-4.30	6.49
Far East	292.60	311.30	-0.20	0.40
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	47.28	50.30	+1.53	0.59
Emerging Mkts	57.31	60.97	-2.09	0.24
General	46.20	49.15	+0.38	3.53
International	80.13	85.24†	+0.26	1.34
Gilt Units	24.61	25.58†	-0.33	8.32
Global PEP	33.33	35.46†	-0.07	2.30
Income Gth	61.87	65.82†	-1.06	5.34
European	40.90	43.51	-0.04	1.22
Gilt/Fixed Int	25.32	26.94	+0.03	6.18
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51/69 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4400 Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4314 Pricebank: 0426 925091				
Pru Mngd Tst	29.93	32.01	-0.04	1.64
Pru Csh Hvn Inc	100.78	100.78†	-0.95	5.32
-do- Acc	104.89	104.89†	+0.08	5.32
Pru Equity	630.80	674.65†	-2.93	2.51
Pru Equity Inc	77.92	83.33	-0.28	4.61
Pru European	165.14	176.62	+0.58	1.91
Pru Global Gth	75.96	81.24	-0.15	1.58
Pru High Inc	84.03	89.87†	-0.18	5.71
Pru Intl	153.94	164.64	+0.43	1.32
Pru Intl Sm Co	64.86	69.36†	+0.28	0.93
Pru Japanese	197.14	210.84†	+0.61	...
Pru Nth Amer	133.82	143.12	+1.80	0.49
Pru Pacific Mkt	70.12	74.99	-0.77	1.88
Pru Premr Inc	48.17	50.16†	+0.07	7.63
Pru Smllr Cos	80.46	86.05†	-0.16	2.01
Pru Spec Sits	94.47	101.03	-0.54	2.29
Pru UK Gwth	105.50	112.83†	-0.63	2.40
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LTD St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR Dealing: 071 634 2981/4				
NC Income	146.17	157.51†	-3.48	3.76
NC Japan	267.10	286.25	-0.06	...
NC Maj UK Cos	89.54	96.32	-0.73	2.50
NC America Inc	451.77	484.96	+11.42	0.88
-do- Acc	524.74	563.28	+13.27	0.88
NC Smllr UK Cos	252.98	275.90	+0.19	1.54
NC European	243.03	259.31	+0.40	1.35
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766966 or 0800 929929 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	68.18	72.53†	+0.05	4.03
Capital Units	137.30	146.00	-0.80	1.44
Commodity	95.40	101.40	-2.20	1.29
European Gth	145.90	155.20	+2.60	1.37
Financial Sec	162.40	172.70	-1.30	1.95
High Return	206.80	220.00	-0.80	4.53
High Yield	198.00	210.60†	-0.80	4.15
Income Units	104.90	111.50	-0.50	4.93
Investment	166.40	177.00†	+1.00	1.17
Japan Gth	149.20	158.70	+1.80	...
Japan Smaller	175.60	186.80†	+3.40	...
Masterfund	44.25	47.07	+0.09	0.96
Scotbits	235.80	250.80	-1.80	1.68
Scotshares	251.00	267.00	-2.00	2.71
Scotyields	214.70	228.40	-1.10	4.05
Select Intl	123.60	131.40†	+0.20	1.05
Smaller Cos	220.50	234.50†	+2.50	4.10
Special Situation	106.40	113.10	-2.60	0.75
UK Equity	216.00	229.70	-0.30	2.92
US Growth	129.80	138.00	+1.30	0.41
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD 33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Client Line: 0800 526 535. Broker Line: 0800 526 540				
American	221.95	236.66†	-0.80	0.52
-do- Acc	240.44	256.41	-0.16	0.52
Australian	123.36	131.58	-0.17	0.81
-do- Acc	145.03	154.69	-0.20	0.81
UK Enterprise	201.42	214.84	-2.52	2.46
-do- Acc	232.67	248.18	-2.91	2.46
European Gth	58.18	62.05	+0.10	1.42
-do- Acc	60.22	64.23	+0.10	1.42
Euro Smllr Cos	54.78	58.43	+0.19	0.38
-do- Acc	55.16	58.83	+0.20	0.38
Far Eastern Gth	66.01	70.41	-0.55	...
-do- Acc	67.08	71.55	-0.55	...
Fixed Interest	30.99	33.78	+0.01	7.34
-do- Acc	61.82	66.31	+0.03	7.34
Gilt Income	100.60	106.03	+0.15	7.57
-do- Acc	140.50	148.08	+0.20	7.57
Income	296.42	316.18	-4.09	4.16
-do- Acc	874.35	932.63	-12.09	4.16
Japan Enterprise	66.56	70.99†	+0.27	...
-do- Acc	66.56	70.99	+0.27	...
Japan Smllr Cos	438.03	467.23	+6.79	...
-do- Acc	438.91	468.16	+6.80	...
Pacific Gth	87.14	92.94	-0.70	0.27
-do- Acc	89.72	95.70	-0.72	0.22
Smaller Cos	182.79	194.97	-0.65	0.95
-do- Acc	209.48	223.45	-0.74	0.95
Tokyo	105.44	112.46	-0.04	...
-do- Acc	106.50	113.60	-0.04	...
UK Equity	199.20	212.47	-1.68	2.76
-do- Acc	368.86	393.47	-3.12	2.76
US Smllr Cos	125.37	133.72†	+3.32	...
-do- Acc	125.37	133.72	+3.32	...
World Fd	67.50	71.99	-0.19	1.64
-do- Acc	71.16	75.90	-0.20	1.64
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	43.15	45.95	+0.37	4.43
Equity Strategy	61.96	65.99	-0.08	1.28
European Opps	69.35	73.86	+0.54	3.22
Maximum Inc	98.71	101.25	+0.09	5.38
UK Smaller Cos	50.20	53.46	+0.22	3.21
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	331.70	354.50	-2.10	2.85
American	228.70	242.80	+2.60	0.94
Pacific	317.10	339.10	-1.30	0.65
European	437.70	468.10	+2.80	1.26
Worldwide	75.91	81.19	+0.03	1.24
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	290.60	309.20	-2.80	2.64
UK Sm Cos Eqty	199.60	212.40	+0.30	1.89
European	315.30	335.50†	+0.90	2.09
North American	233.40	248.40†	+1.40	0.53
Income Plus Inc	63.06	67.09	-0.39	3.75
UK Spec Sits	64.72	68.86	-0.61	2.32
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 558 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	24.44	26.16†	-0.14	3.06
Intl Growth Acc	27.89	29.85†	-0.03	1.21
Global Inc Acc	30.07	32.18	-0.28	3.87
Market Ldrs Acc	25.03	26.79	-0.19	3.00
SG TOUCHE REMNANT 3 Finsbury Avenue, London EC2M 2PA. 071 410 4029				
American Gth	75.71	80.97	+0.87	...
Euro Spec Sits	44.24	47.01†	+0.24	...
-do- Acc	46.84	49.77	+0.25	...
Far East Opps	30.19	32.48	+0.03	...
-do- Acc	31.02	33.37	+0.03	...
General Growth	95.79	102.60	-0.60	2.06
Global Tech	111.30	120.50†	+3.90	...
Income Growth	99.03	106.50	-0.70	3.51
Income Monthly	56.33	60.24	-0.86	4.27
Japan Growth	80.19	85.27	+0.56	...
Overseas Gth	72.08	76.69†	+0.06	...
Smaller Cos	70.94	76.27†	-0.23	1.62
Special Opps	99.20	106.60	-0.90	2.17
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4HR 071 626 6226				
European	93.99	...	-0.35	...
Global Bond	94.21	...	-0.80	7.50
Japan Samurai	94.31	...	-0.03	...
UK Growth	192.60	...	-1.74	4.24
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393777				
Managed	42.33	44.98	+0.13	1.84
Equity Gth Acc	57.11	60.68	-0.01	1.60
UK Eq General	40.20	42.72†	-0.17	2.44
-do- Acc	53.15	56.48	-0.22	2.44
European Acc	39.98	42.48	+0.43	1.16
Far East Acc	53.28	56.61	+0.48	0.23
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	29.50	31.20†	+0.07	6.80
N American Acc	40.55	43.09	+0.49	0.81
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	265.70	280.20	+4.50	1.50
UK Eq High Inc	33.96	36.09†	-0.24	3.83
-do- Acc	40.33	42.86	-0.26	3.83
UK Lgr Cos Inc	277.60	301.20†	-1.80	3.88
UK Lgr Cos Acc	361.30	392.10	-2.40	3.88
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	N£253.61	N£253.84	+0.04	1.12
US Eq	$2.080	$2.207	+0.04	0.79
Far East Eq	Y248.6	Y264.1	+4.60	...
Japan Eq	Y242.7	Y257.8	+3.70	...
FT Europe	109.30	116.00	+0.90	2.18
FT North Am	$1.698	$1.801	-0.02	1.08
FT Japan	Y243.6	Y258.7	+4.60	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	$1.828	$1.942	-0.02	1.75
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271				
American	318.70	339.30	+2.40	0.32
British	903.60	956.00	-4.20	4.43
European	384.30	409.30	+0.20	1.45
Japan	140.20	149.00	+1.70	...
New Pacific	276.60	294.60	-2.80	1.34
Mngd Cash	95.72	95.72	+0.07	5.08
Majority Stg	99.89	100.89	+0.07	4.87
Inv Tst	179.60	190.40	+0.30	1.86
Saints	366.90	386.20	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE Admin. 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690389				
Equity Acc	699.90	748.60	-4.60	2.93
N America Acc	106.50	113.90	+1.90	0.09
Far East Acc	116.90	125.00	-0.80	...
W wide Bond	58.56	62.17†	+0.38	5.52
European	80.30	85.88	+1.04	0.51
Equity Income	79.39	84.91	-0.63	3.87
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	32.44	34.70	+0.49	0.61
Managed Assets	115.33	123.35	+1.05	3.43
UK Income	35.48	37.95	+0.06	3.09
UK Growth	35.13	37.58	+0.09	2.39
Worldwide Gth	29.85	31.93†	+0.25	0.41
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE 0264 346794				
American	192.22	204.49	+3.58	0.21
-do- Acc	211.31	224.59	+3.93	0.21
British Gth	81.68	86.89†	-1.25	1.93
-do- Acc	96.11	102.24†	-1.47	1.93
European	93.01	98.95	-1.98	0.72
-do- Acc	98.12	104.38	+2.10	0.72
Extra Inc	179.83	191.31	-1.18	3.89
-do- Acc	286.88	305.19	-1.88	3.89
General Unit	249.80	265.75	-5.79	2.60
-do- Acc	492.91	524.37	-11.44	2.60
Income	314.67	334.75	-2.13	3.46
-do- Acc	640.93	681.84	-4.33	3.46
International	459.53	488.86†	-3.75	0.81
-do- Acc	601.53	639.93†	-4.90	0.81
Pacific	321.81	342.35	-2.29	...
-do- Acc	337.03	358.54	-2.40	...
Premier Income	49.66	51.73†	+0.10	6.56
-do- Acc	103.54	107.85†	+0.22	6.56
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 33 Cavendish Sq, London W1M 7HF 071 493 7262 Dealing: 071 493 8545				
European Opps	59.11	63.01	-0.04	0.47
-do- Acc	59.72	63.67	-0.04	0.47
Far East Opps	144.86	154.53	+0.12	...
-do- Acc	148.25	158.13	+0.13	...
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ 031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	15.51	16.50	+0.73	0.50
Pacific Basin	29.46	31.34	-0.57	0.60
Canadian Gth	34.21	36.39	-0.84	...
Global Bond	$0.984	$1.025	+0.01	7.31
Penny Share	23.54	25.04	+1.66	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	52.65	52.65	+0.03	5.83
Gilt Growth	64.95	67.59	+0.05	...
Gilt Income	51.18	53.26	+0.06	7.25
Short Dtd Gilt	[illegible]5.60	107.00	+0.20	...
US Govmnt Bd	$0.716	$0.725	+0.00	...
Challenger	87.56	89.58	-0.37	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG 081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	65.34	69.51	-1.07	2.10

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	15,000	Carlton Cm	98	Land Secs	557	Scot Hydro	386
Abbey Natl	2,800	Coats Vyla	2,500	Legal & Gn	575	Scot & New	415
Alld-Lyons	1,700	Cm Union	726	Lloyds Bk	1,400	Scot Power	3,300
Anglian W	854	Courtaulds	717	MB Cardn	475	Sears	2,800
Argyll Gp	3,000	De La Rue	1,100	Marks Spr	3,900	Svrn Trent	582
Arjo Wiggn	446	Eng China	1,100	NFC	634	Shell Trans	5,200
AB Foods	354	Enterpr Oil	499	NatWst Bk	2,300	Siebe	765
BAA	1,400	Fisons	2,200	Nat Power	2,100	SmKl Bch	1,700
BAT Inds	5,400	Forte	2,000	Nth Wst W	887	Smith Nph	2,400
BOC	1,200	GRE	3,000	Nthrn Fds	3,200	Sthrn Elec	658
BP	6,600	GUS A	274	P & O	824	Std Chartd	207
BT	5,300	Gen Acc	2,900	Pearson	1,200	Sun Allnce	1,000
BTR	3,800	Gen Elec	1,400	PowerGen	2,100	TI Gp	1,100
Bk of Scot	2,600	Glaxo	3,600	Prudential	4,200	TSB	2,200
Barclays	3,700	Granada	2,000	RTZ	1,700	Tate & Lyle	2,400
Bass	707	Grand Met	6,500	Rank Org	844	Tesco	4,600
Blue Circle	4,500	Guinness	1,800	Reckitt Col	536	Thames W	654
Boots	2,500	HSBC	2,400	Redland	1,800	Thrn EMI	504
Bowater	908	Hanson	4,300	Reed Intl	496	Tomkins	1,700
Brit Airwys	2,800	ICI	1,500	Rentokil	1,800	Unilever	1,600
Brit Gas	9,400	Inchcape	1,100	Reuters	655	Utd Bisc	5,800
Brit Steel	1,200	Kingfisher	1,300	Rothmans	450	Vodafone	4,700
Burmah Cast	931	Kwik Save	446	Ryl Ins	1,900	Wellcome	2,200
Cable Wire	1,500	LASMO	4,000	Ryl Bk Scot	3,700	Whitbd 'A'	2,000
Cadbury	2,900	Ladbroke	5,300	Sainsbury	1,800	Wllms Hld	1,300

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 3442.73 (+0.83)
S&P Composite 443.46 (+0.20)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge 20811.36 (+189.33)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 6798.34 (+2.82)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency 107.9 (+0.1)

Sydney: AO 1685.3 (-6.5)

Frankfurt:
DAX 1611.92 (-11.34)

FT 30 share: 2189.5 (+0.9)

Brussels:
General 6017.21 (-8.74)

Paris: CAC n/a

Zurich: SKA Gen 484.6 (-2.6)

London:
FT A All-Share 1379.45 (+1.82)
FT 500 1508.62 (+2.79)
FT Gold Mines 151.0 (+1.1)
FT Fixed Interest 110.91 (-0.11)
FT Govt Secs 94.79 (+0.03)
Bargains 33007
SEAQ Volume 614.6m
USM (Datastrm) 134.30 (+0.01)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
April 26	May 7	July 29	August 9

Call options were taken out on 7/5/93: Acorn Computers, Birse, Brent Walker pref, Caldwell, Caverdale, Denistron, Flagstone, Gestetner, Goldsmiths, Hanson Wts, Hartstone, HSBC 75p, Porter Chadburn, Ratners, Rothmans, Ward. Puts: Denistron, IBM. Puts & Calls: Denistron, Lonrho.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Jun 93	2775.0	2805.0	2768.0	2799.0	9429
Previous open interest: 48353	Sep 93	2800.0	2810.0	2799.5	2822.5	61
Three Month Sterling	Jun 93	93.93	94.07	93.93	94.06	16857
Previous open interest: 300870	Sep 93	93.94	94.11	93.93	94.06	23533
	Dec 93	93.85	93.99	93.85	93.97	6932
Three Mth Eurodollar	Jun 93	96.83	96.83	96.82	96.82	299
Previous open interest: 17254	Sep 93	96.73	96.74	96.73	96.73	276
Three Mth Euro DM	Jun 93	92.73	92.81	92.73	92.80	13396
Previous open interest: 545118	Sep 93	93.54	93.63	93.53	93.62	28957
US Treasury Bond	Jun 93				111-27	0
Previous open interest: 1	Sep 93				110-16	0
Long Gilt	Jun 93	103-17	104-03	103-17	103-31	34873
Previous open interest: 71255	Sep 93	102-27	103-04	102-30	103-03	42
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 93	108.52	108.65	108.50	108.61	1914
	Sep 93	107.88	107.90	107.86	107.88	244
German Govmt Bond	Jun 93	94.67	94.80	94.45	94.67	63694
Previous open interest: 164802	Sep 93	94.83	94.99	94.70	94.90	1032
Three month ECU	Jun 93	91.97	92.05	91.97	92.05	1089
Previous open interest: 22803	Sep 93	92.78	92.83	92.77	92.82	537
Euro Swiss Franc	Jun 93	95.25	95.27	95.15	95.24	9278
Previous open interest: 35467	Sep 93	95.70	95.71	95.66	95.71	1669
Italian Govmt Bond	Jun 93	97.03	97.65	96.90	97.54	12335
Previous open interest: 44462	Sep 93	97.23	97.54	97.23	97.42	18

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 80.9 (day's range 80.8-81.0).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for May 7	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7880-2.8004	2.7880-2.7914	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Brussels	51.05-51.26	51.05-51.16	4-9ds	14-21ds
Copenhagen	9.5490-9.6170	9.5490-9.5710	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Dublin	1.0190-1.0213	1.0191-1.0211	16-21ds	43-53ds
Frankfurt	2.4829-2.4949	2.4829-2.4862	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Lisbon	230.30-231.45	230.52-230.84	233-248ds	637-682ds
Madrid	182.01-182.73	182.01-182.29	155-168ds	392-428ds
Milan	2284.80-2297.00	2284.80-2291.10	9-11ds	27-30ds
Montreal	1.9980-2.0130	1.9980-2.0001	0.21-0.11pr	0.35-0.24pr
New York	1.5725-1.5820	1.5725-1.5735	0.39-0.37pr	1.14-1.10pr
Oslo	10.4810-10.5270	10.4960-10.5190	[illegible]-2ds	[illegible]-4ds
Paris	8.3650-8.3940	8.3690-8.3830	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Stockholm	11.4360-11.4820	11.4550-11.4790	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Tokyo	173.13-174.26	173.13-173.33	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Vienna	17.45-17.53	17.45-17.50	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Zurich	2.2316-2.2486	2.2455-2.2486	[illegible]pr-par	[illegible]pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5788-1.5815
Australia dollar	2.2340-2.2370
Bahrain dinar	0.589-0.601
Brazil cruzeiro*	54264.6-54312.9
Cyprus pound	0.73-0.74
Finland markka	8.4645-8.5805
Greece drachma	334.5-341.5
Hong Kong dollar	12.2203-12.2288
India rupee	48.98-49.94
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4685-0.4785
Malaysia ringgit	4.0560-4.0602
Mexico peso	4.88-4.98
New Zealand dollar	2.8877-2.8932
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.8545-5.9805
Singapore dollar	2.5478-2.5505
S Africa rand (fin)	7.2048-7.2568
S Africa rand (com)	4.9777-4.9842
U A E dirham	5.7305-5.8545

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4114-1.4124
Austria	11.07-11.08
Belgium (Com)	32.39-32.42
Canada	1.2721-1.2726
Denmark	6.0736-6.0766
France	5.3100-5.3120
Germany	1.5748-1.5753
Hong Kong	7.7280-7.7285
Ireland	1.5461-1.5471
Italy	1449.0-1451.0
Japan	110.15-110.20
Malaysia	2.5650-2.5660
Netherlands	1.7680-1.7690
Norway	6.6520-6.6540
Portugal	146.25-146.35
Singapore	1.6112-1.6119
Spain	115.40-115.55
Sweden	7.2648-7.2748
Switzerland	1.4150-1.4160

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse [illegible]
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: [illegible] Low 3 Week fixed: [illegible]
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth [illegible]. Sell: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth: [illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interbank:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Overnight: open [illegible], close 2.

Local Authority Deps:	[illegible]	n/a	[illegible]	6	[illegible]
Sterling CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	3.02-2.97	n/a	3.04-3.01	3.12-3.08	3.33-3.28
Building Society CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

TREASURY BILLS: Applicns: £476m allotted: £100m: Bids: £98.67% received: 41%: Last week: £98.655% received: 79%; Avge rate: £5.2900% last wk £5.3883%: Next week: £100m.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
French Franc	[illegible]	8-[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Swiss Franc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Yen	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $357.70-358.10 Close: $357.50-358.00 High: $358.00-358.50 Low: $356.50-357.00 Krugerrand: $356.50-358.50 (£226.00-228.00)
Sovereigns: Old $84.00-86.00 (£52.00-54.00) New $84.00-86.00 (£52.00-54.00)
Platinum: $385.00 (£243.20) Silver: $4.37 (£2.775) Palladium: $121.00 (£76.45)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Alld Lyon	550	25	40	47	29	37	45
(*554)	600	8½	22	29	68	72	75
ASDA	67	7	10	-	5	8½	-
(*67½)	76	4	6	-	11	14	-
Bass	500	41	58	65	10	18	29
(*537)	550	17	27	38	38	43	55
Boots	420	33	42	47	14	20	26
(*433½)	460	13	23	28	37	42	47
Br Airways	260	29	36	40	8½	13	17
(*281½)	280	18	25	31	17	22	27
BP	300	17	23	31	14	19	24
(*304)	330	6	12	18	33	37	41
Br Steel	90	12	16	18	5½	8	10
(*95)	100	6½	10½	13	10	13	16
C & W	650	55	68	78	17½	27	33
(*689½)	700	25½	40	52	43	52	58
CU	532	61	66	-	6½	15	-
(*582)	580	28	37	-	24	35	-
Courtauld	550	23	35	46	30	38	45
(*548½)	600	7	18	26	67	72	75
GKN	460	18	26	-	23	35	-
(*451½)	500	6½	13	-	51	61	-
ICI	1250	60	77	102	53	84	94
(*1242½)	1300	37	56	80	82	116	125
Kingfishr	584	26	40	-	31	38	-
(*587½)	632	11	22	-	63	70	-
Land Sec	500	34	40	44	12	16	23
(*530½)	550	6	15	20	44	46	51
M & S	330	20	29	35	11	17	20
(*342)	360	7	16	22	30	34	37
Sainsbury	420	40	51	56	10	15	21
(*456)	460	17	29	37	29	34	39
Shell	550	32	41	48	12	22	25
(*563½)	600	9	18	24	41	51	55
Smkl Bch	460	32	45	56	25	35	42
(*469½)	500	16	28	40	49	59	64
Storehse	200	20	27	32	11	16	21
(*206½)	220	9	17	21	23	27	32
Trafalgar	83	11	16	-	5	7	-
(*89)	92	7	11	-	9½	11	-
Unilever	1050	67	90	105	18	29	39
(*1086)	1100	37	60	75	40	50	62
Series		**Jul**	**Oct**	**Feb**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Feb**
Grnd Met	420	27	37	45	18	25	32
(*429½)	460	10	18	28	43	49	57
Ladbroke	140	24	29	33	5	10½	14
(*158½)	160	13	18	24	14	19	25
Utd Bisc	420	39	41	52	22	32	36
(*429½)	460	20	28	37	47	55	58

May 7, 1993 Tot: 27868 Call: 14397 Put: 13471 FT-SE Call: 2184 Put: 2899
*Underlying security price.

Series		Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
BAA	700	38	50	65	1	19	29
(*739)	750	7	23	43	22	46	55
BAT Ind	850	25	54	67	13	34	55
(*863)	900	5½	34	45	45	63	85
BTR	500	81	92	98	1	2½	7
(*584)	550	34	45	56	2	10	20
Br Aero	300	28	47	60	3	20	32
(*321½)	330	8	32	46	16	37	50
Br Telcm	390	13	23	30	4	15	22
(*400½)	420	1½	11	17	22	36	40
Cadbury	420	27	40	52	1½	10	16
(*444)	460	4	18	30	20	29	36
Guinness	460	19	37	49	5	16	26
(*471)	500	3	19	29	30	39	47
GEC	300	15	22	26	2½	12	16
(*311)	330	1	7½	13	20	30	33
Hanson	220	13	17½	23	1½	6½	10
(*231½)	240	2	8	13	10½	17	21½
LASMO	140	11	19	26	3	11	16
(*145)	160	2½	11	17½	16	24	29
Lucas	130	15	22	26	2	6½	13
(*143)	140	8	17	21	4	11	18
P & O	550	11	34	45	11	32	49
(*548½)	600	2	16	26	54	62	82
Pilkingtn	130	5½	11	16	4	11	13
(*131)	140	2	6½	11	11	17	19
Prudential	300	12	23	29	3	9	16
(*311)	330	1	9	15	24	27	33
RTZ	600	21	42	60	7	20	34
(*611)	650	3	20	36	41	48	61
Scot New	460	11	26	34	5½	26	32
(*465)	500	2	10	18	37	53	59
Tesco	200	23	29	37	1½	5	9
(*220½)	220	6	17	26	5½	13	17
Thames W	500	10	21	30	6	27	32
(*503½)	550	1½	5½	11½	49	65	67
Vodafone	390	16	31	44	4	17	24
(*400)	420	3	17	29	22	33	40

FT-SE INDEX (*2791½)

	2650	2700	2750	2800	2850	2900
Calls						
May	151	103	59	26	8	2
Jun	162	120	84	54	31	17
Jul	179	141	106	77	55	35
Aug	196	160	127	98	73	53
Dec	-	227	-	167	-	115
Puts						
May	3½	5	11	30	66	112
Jun	13	21	35	56	84	120
Jul	24	34	52	72	99	131
Aug	35	48	65	85	111	142
Dec	-	90	-	127	-	177

Series		Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Abby Nat	390	19	30	39	10	19	24
(*399)	420	6½	16	26	28	36	41
Amstrad	30	4½	6	8	2	3½	4
(*33)	35	2	4	6	4½	6	7
Barclays	420	18	31	41	14	25	32
(*420½)	460	4	15	25	42	51	57
Blue Circ	240	12	22	29	12	22	29
(*243½)	260	5½	14	20	27	34	41
Br Gas	280	18	26	30	4	8½	15
(*303)	300	5½	14½	20	14	17½	25
	330	2	5½	9½	39	40	46
Dixons	200	16	22	30	8	18	23
(*207)	220	7	15	21	21	31	34
Eurotnl	390	40	60½	74½	12½	27	36
(*410)	420	20	44	60½	28	43	52
Forte	180	19	27	32	5½	10	15
(*192½)	200	6	14	22	14	19	26
Glaxo	550	59	83	93	9	26	41
(*593½)	600	26	56	66	30	38	66
	650	11	32	46	65	79	98
HSBC	550	41	62	76	12	29	40
(*574)	600	16	37	53	39	56	67
Hillsdwn	140	21	27	31	2½	6½	10
(*157½)	160	7½	15	20	10	15	20
Lonrho	100	9	15	18½	5	10	13½
(*104½)	110	4½	9½	14	10½	14½	19
Reuter	1250	53	90	128	32	62	77
(*1266½)	1300	29	69	102	60	87	110
R-Royce	130	11	16	20	6	10½	14
(*135)	140	5½	12	16	12	16	20
Sears	100	5½	8½	12	5	7	11
(*102½)	110	2½	5½	8	13	15	17
Thrn Emi	800	46	59½	71	11	33½	43½
(*835)	850	18	32	47½	30	62½	71
TSB	160	19	23	27	3	8	10
(*174)	180	7	13	17	12	18	22
Vaal Reefs	50	11½	13	14½	2½	4½	6
(*58)	60	6	7½	10	6½	9	11
Wellcome	700	62	89	108	16	37	52
(*746)	750	35	60	83	36	53	70
Series		**Jul**	**Oct**	**Dec**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Dec**
Fisons	160	20	31	33	9	15	18
(*169½)	180	11	21	25	21	26	30
Series		**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**	**May**	**Aug**	**Nov**
Eastn Elc	460	10	24	31	8	27	34
(*461½)	500	1	8	17	40	56	60
Series		**Jun**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Jun**	**Sep**	**Dec**
Natl Pwr	300	30	39	47	3	8½	12
(*324)	330	10	19	29	14	21	25
Scot Pwr	290	19½	25	29	3	10	13
(*306)	310	9	13½	18	10½	21	23

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: The cocoa markets delicate state was redolent of most of the trade participants after a hectic schedule during "cocoa week". There was no fresh news and volumes were described as thin, however ivorian planters are saying that the mid-crop ban is now beginning to bite. This could result in a tightening of physical supplies over the next few months.

LONDON FOX

COCOA

May	667-666	Jul	770-769
Jul	688-687	Sep	785-783
Sep	702-700	Dec	806-805
Dec	721-720	Mar	829-827
Mar	740-739		
May	755-754		Volume: 2955

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

May	863-862	Jan	899-897
Jul	874-873	Mar	905-900
Sep	875-874	May	915-905
Nov	889-888		Volume: 1090

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Dec	unq
Spot: unq		Mar	—
May	unq	May	—
Aug	—	Aug	—
Oct	—		Volume: 0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	292.0-90.5
Spot: 294.0		May	294.5-92.5
Aug	302.5-01.5	Aug	299.0-95.5
Oct	294.5-93.2	Oct	292.8-86.5
Dec	293.4-90.5		Volume: 296

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on May 7

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	91.59	133.82	139.01
(+/-)	+8.03	-3.06	+3.59
Eng/Wales:	91.59	134.30	138.68
(+/-)	+8.03	-3.60	+3.81
(%)	+27.9	+72.7	-0.7
Scotland:	n/a	127.28	139.96
(+/-)	n/a	+7.39	+2.80
(%)	n/a	n/a	+7.0

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (p/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
May	114.0	114.0	Jul	103.0	103.0
Jul	109.5	109.5		Volume: 18	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

May	142.55
Jun	142.80
Sep	108.40
Nov	110.50
Jan	113.40
Volume:	201

BARLEY (close £/t)

Mar	136.95
Sep	106.70
Nov	109.65
Jan	112.15
Mar	114.15
Volume:	30

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Jun	139.50
Aug	139.00
Oct	142.50
Dec	145.50
Feb	unq
Volume:	20

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	n/a	60.0
Apr	92.5	93.6
May	n/a	102.0
	Volume:	9

RUBBER
No 1 RSS CIF (p/kt)
Jun 56.25-56.75

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Some minor, pre-weekend, booksquaring saw crude edge lower.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	19.05	-0.10
Brent 15 day (May)	19.05	-0.15
Brent 15 day (Jun)	19.20	-0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Jun)	20.45	-0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	20.65	-0.10

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	215 (n/c)	218 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	185 (+1)	186 (+1)
Non EEC 1H May	185 (+1)	186 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Jun	180 (n/c)	181 (n/c)
3.5 Fuel Oil	74 (-1)	77 (n/c)
Naphtha	183 (-1)	186 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

May	182.75-83.00	Aug	178.25-78.75
Jun	178.75-79.00	Sep	179.50-79.75
Jul	177.25-77.50	Oct	182.25-82.50
			Vol: 15755

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jun	19.17-19.18	Sep	19.23 BID
Jul	19.12-19.14	Oct	19.25-19.29
Aug	19.19-19.21		Vol: 23327

UNLEADED GASOLINE

May	207.75-08.00	Aug	211.00 SLR
Jun	207.75-08.00	Sep	217.00 SLR
Jul	206.00-08.00		Vol: 142

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($/0pt)

	High	Low	Close
May 93	1580	1566	1575
Jun 93	1475	1460	1463
Jul 93	1325	1315	1317
Oct 93	1420	1400	1409

Vol: 311 lots. Open Int'st: 3204 Index 1571 -4

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
(Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1101.0-1101.5	1120.5-1121.0	1656775
Lead (£/tonne)	263.00-263.50	272.00-272.25	65175
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1005.0-1005.5	1024.5-1025.0	289250
Tin ($/tonne)	5575.0-5580.0	5640.0-5645.0	7415
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1117.0-1118.0	1138.5-1139.0	1244675
Nickel ($/tonne)	5980.0-5985.0	6055.0-6060.0	28440

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Pakistan too exhausted to challenge West Indies

FROM JOHN WOODCOCK IN ANTIGUA

AS they have been for so long, West Indies are still, beyond any question, the best cricket team in the world. The last series they lost was in New Zealand in 1980, when they were without Vivian Richards and fell foul of the umpires. Since then they have lost only 13 of their 103 Test matches, most of those on turning pitches. They have won 54 of them and the match that finished on Thursday was the 36th they have drawn. It is a remarkable record.

Strange though it may seem, they could find their next Test assignment, in Sri Lanka later this year, harder than most. Here in the West Indies, Sri Lanka would have little chance of winning; but it is a different game that they play at home, and one which Richardson's side could well find disconcerting. Sri Lanka have won their last two Tests in Colombo — against New Zealand and England — and they had Australia on the floor there, as well.

Two years ago, Australia had a similar sort of experience in the Caribbean to Pakistan's now, in that when the one-day series ended they thought they had West Indies' measure. But then, too, West Indies were too strong in the Test matches, and so long as they are able to go on finding four of the best fast bowlers in the game, that is how it will be, not quite always but much more often than not.

It is disappointing that Pakistan have shown so little form. Untroubled by the drugs affair in Grenada and free of injury, it might have been another story, but I doubt it. They were stale when they arrived in Jamaica eight weeks ago and would always have been likely to find the West Indian fast bowlers too much for them. Without Mushtaq Ahmed's leg breaks and with Wasim and Waqar more often labouring than scattering, and needing to fall back on so many inexperienced players, Pakistan were simply outgunned.

Four of their number made their Test debuts in the series, in a notoriously difficult part of the world in which to do so. A fifth had previously played in only one Test match and a sixth in only two. Pretty well their only gain has been the batting of Basit Ali, although Inzamam's hundred on Tuesday was confirmation of a solid temperament and an outstanding talent.

West Indies had no such problems. With Haynes back among the runs and Hooper confounding his critics, they have a settled side again, and Richardson is making a good job of the captaincy. It is much to his credit, and to his team's advantage, that Richardson never needs reminding that victory is on the other side of the coin from sensible aggression. "We are a very happy family," he said, and one can believe him.

The only West Indians not suited by this are the two or three young batsmen, such as Roland Holder, of Barbados, waiting for a chance to prove themselves.

The time has now come for the Pakistan board to take a good look at what they have been doing to their players. Since winning the World Cup in Melbourne on March 25, 1992, Pakistan have played in 16 different countries: Antigua, Australia, Barbados, Canada, England, Grenada, Guyana, Holland, Jamaica, New Zealand, St Vincent, South Africa, Trinidad, the United Arab Emirates, the United States and Zimbabwe. This weekend they will add a seventeenth, Bermuda.

But that is not all. They were feted when they got home after the World Cup, and given land and much else, but they have yet to take the field there. It must be time, surely, for them to slow down, take stock, freshen up and come to terms with how to live life at the top. Otherwise, all too soon, it will be life near the bottom again.



Richardson: happy



MARC ASPLAND

Hooked: Gooch, watched by Robinson, the bowler, falls to a catch at fine leg by Gough off the ball before lunch at Chelmsford yesterday

Jarvis leads by example but Ilott states strong Test case

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

CHELMSFORD (second day of four): Yorkshire, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, are 158 runs ahead of Essex

PAUL Jarvis has earned few marks for constancy in a career which has yet to deliver its early promise, and may never. He has not always played the part of the selfless team man, coming close at times to downright truculence. But when his tail is up, as it was yesterday, he remains an inspired cricketer.

On this occasion that inspiration poured from the unusual conduit of the captaincy but, by the end of another excellent day's play, it was overshadowed by the superb bowling of Mark Ilott.

If Jarvis may be favoured to play in the first Test, there can be little doubt that, if Ilott retains this mood, he will figure before the series is over. His bowling here, fast and straight, has been of a very high order.

As if to remind Yorkshire that a first-innings lead of 147 is never sufficient insurance cover in games against Essex, Ilott dismissed Metcalfe and Kellett for ducks and shocked White into presenting Garnham with a second simple catch. So far he has taken seven wickets in the match and deserved them all.

In fact, there has been much to admire all round, not least the way Jarvis handled a callow Yorkshire side in the field. Had they dismissed Essex for three fewer runs the game would be significantly different. How many matches have Essex won from such unpromising positions? Literally dozens.

There were times in the afternoon when Jarvis appeared to have absorbed the collective wisdom of St Augustine, Michel de Montaigne and J.M. Brearley. White won a leg-before shout against Hussain with his first ball, Gough returned to the attack with immediate success and Jarvis ended Garnham's spirited innings of 53 with a direct hit from mid-off. His bowling was at its sharpest. Prichard and, two balls later, Malik were bowled. Hussain survived, just about. The tour of India has clearly rekindled an old flame.

Fielding is always a handy barometer of a team's spirit and Yorkshire's was outstanding. Batty pulled down Pringle's return drive, White judged a running catch nicely at long-on to get rid of Foster and Gough held a remarkable two-handed catch above his head at long leg to send back Gooch.

Those who appreciate life's minor ironies will note that Gooch fell to a lofted leg-side stroke the ball before lunch, as Gower did in more celebrated circumstances two winters ago when the England captain watched from the other end. Here Gooch, having made 38 with the authority of a man impatient to make 62 more, hooked Robinson firmly to see Gough hold a superb diving catch three yards inside the rope.

It was a good day for Gough, who made a valuable 39, taking Yorkshire's first innings to 397, and later taking three wickets. They have need of more runs and wickets today; it is a case of all hands on deck.

Bicknell builds on brother's efforts

HOVE (second day of four): Surrey, with four first-innings wickets in hand, are 179 runs ahead of Sussex

THE Bicknell brothers and Alec Stewart have taken Surrey into an impregnable position. On Thursday, it was Martin Bicknell, the bowler, whose photograph Sussex would most like to have used as a dartboard; yesterday, it was elder brother Darren.

Knowing a good thing when he sees one, he took full advantage of a pitch that has done the bowlers few favours, carrying on where his 45-minute overnight acclimatisation left him, batting with unwavering concentration throughout the day and taking his score from eight to 154.

There is the chance of still more to come. Unperturbed and unhurried, he broke Sussex, sharing a partnership of 240 with Stewart after helping Lynch to add 77 for the first wicket. Quite content with the role of straight man, he scarcely put a foot wrong, did not muff a line.

The same could not quite be said of either Lynch or Stewart. Both played valuable innings — Stewart's second 50 was the most eloquent passage of the day, arriving from just 42 balls — but both found Stephenson a rare handful in the early morning. While Lynch perished after a brief sally, Stewart held on, surviving to score his second century in successive championship matches, his nineteenth for Surrey, and eventually to take both Stephenson and Salisbury to task.

Stephenson, downwind and downhill, was the pick of the Sussex attack; Hemmings, from the other end, still a model of consistency and subtle variation, quite the best of the rest. It was fitting that they should share five of the six wickets to fall. If Stephenson had had more luck against Stewart early on, instead of playing round his bat like lightning around a conductor, it might have been a different story.

As it was, once Stewart had taken his bearings, Sussex were in for a long day. A six and 14 fours were the legacy of his mastery of the slower bowlers. Bicknell's 20 fours were the result of complete, if less flagrant domination of them all.

Loye to rescue with first century

BY GEOFFREY WHEELER

THERE can be no denying that Malachy Loye is a name with a certain ring to it. But it was the ring of ball from the middle of his bat which frustrated the Gloucestershire bowlers yesterday at Northampton where the England under-19 player scored his maiden century in only his eighteenth first-class innings.

Had it not been for his 105, made in just over four hours with 11 fours, Northamptonshire's lead might have been limited to manageable proportions, for only Loye and Curran, who made an unbeaten 53, were at ease against the left-arm spin of Mark Davies, who returned a career-best five for 84. As it was, facing a deficit of 188, Gloucestershire were dealt a hammer blow when Broad went cheaply and at 56 for two seem booked for their second successive defeat.

Also strongly placed for victory with a day to spare are Derbyshire, after dominating events at Edgbaston. Although John Morris missed a deserved century by five runs, Tim O'Gorman, who bagged a pair on the ground last season, scored 86 and with good support from the middle order, steered Derbyshire to 379, a lead of 187, leaving time for Devon Malcolm to dispose of both Warwickshire openers in his first two overs.

Leicestershire's left-arm spinner, Laurie Potter, took five wickets in an innings for the first time but could not stop Nottinghamshire reaching 280 at Grace Road, a lead of 61. Tim Robinson's captain's innings of 70 provided a platform for the later batsmen, Bruce French hitting nine fours in a rare half-century before holing out off Potter, who conceded only 45 runs in 32 overs.

Durham's 515 for nine at Old Trafford — the second time they have exceeded 500 in their brief first-class history — was built around Paul Parker's 45th century. Jimmy Daley emphasised his promise with a well-compiled 50. Mike Atherton, with an unbeaten 56, then led Lancashire to 118 for two.

John Carr, leading Middlesex for the first held the innings together against Kent at Lord's, reaching a 266-minute century in the last over of the day. Middlesex, at 291 for nine, lead by 26.

Oxford University, with Hasnain Malik scoring an unbeaten 64, failed by only ten runs to beat Hampshire after Nicholas had generously set them 176 in 43 overs.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance County Championship

Essex v Yorkshire

CHELMSFORD (second day of four): Yorkshire, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, are 158 runs ahead of Essex

YORKSHIRE: First Innings

S A Kellett c Garnham b Such 52
A A Metcalfe lbw b Foster 5
D Byas c Hussain b Salim Malik 156
C White c Gooch b Foster 31
†R J Blakey c Garnham b Pringle 46
A P Grayson b Ilott 30
*P W Jarvis c Garnham b Ilott 1
D Gough c Foster b Such 39
J D Batty c Pringle b Ilott 4
R D Stemp b Ilott 5
M A Robinson not out 4
Extras (b 4, lb 12, w 6, nb 6) 28
Total 397

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-137, 3-217, 4-297, 5-342, 6-348, 7-349, 8-353, 9-359.

BOWLING: Foster 24-4-94-2; Ilott 25-6-78-4; Pringle 18-8-32-1; Stephenson 5-1-25-0; Childs 20-3-57-0; Such 23.3-3-55-2; Salim Malik 11-0-39-1.

Second Innings

S A Kellett c Stephenson b Ilott 0
A A Metcalfe c Garnham b Ilott 0
D Byas not out 4
C White c Garnham b Ilott 1
R D Stemp not out 4
Extras (nb 2) 2
Total (3 wkts) 11

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-1, 3-5.

ESSEX: First Innings

*G A Gooch c Gough b Robinson 38
J P Stephenson c Stemp b Gough 32
P J Prichard b Jarvis 12
Salim Malik b Jarvis 4
N Hussain lbw b White 9
†M A Garnham run out 53
D R Pringle c and b Batty 39
N A Foster c White b Batty 18
M C Ilott not out 11
P M Such lbw b Gough 6
J H Childs c Blakey b Gough 0
Extras (b 4, lb 10, nb 14) 28
Total (78.2 overs) 250

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-52, 2-94, 3-98, 4-98, 5-129, 6-207, 7-218, 8-238, 9-250.

BOWLING: Jarvis 19-3-64-2; Gough 14.2-1-53-3; Robinson 17-5-34-1; Stemp 9-2-27-0; White 5-1-15-1; Batty 14-3-43-2.

Bonus points: Essex 6, Yorkshire 8

Umpires: A A Jones and B Leadbeater

Warwickshire v Derbyshire

EDGBASTON (second day of four): Warwickshire, with eight second-innings wickets in hand, are 158 runs behind Derbyshire

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 192 (D P Ostler 57, A E Warner 4-54)

Second Innings

A J Moles lbw b Malcolm 1
R G Twose c O'Gorman b Malcolm 0
J D Ratcliffe not out 23
D P Ostler not out 5
Extras 0
Total (2 wkts) 29

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-2.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings

*K J Barnett c Reeve b Donald 8
P D Bowler c Piper b Small 85
J E Morris c Ratcliffe b Small 95
C J Adams lbw b Munton 86
T J G O'Gorman lbw b Munton 20
F A Griffith b Smith 22
†K M Krikken c and b Reeve 34
D G Cork b Smith 8
A E Warner b Smith 5
R W Sladdin not out 1
D E Malcolm c Reeve b Donald 27
Extras (b 11, lb 10, nb 6) 27
Total 379

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16, 2-20, 3-181, 4-191, 5-244, 6-306, 7-342, 8-361, 9-374.

BOWLING: Donald 20.2-1-93-2; Small 16-2-60-2; Munton 34-12-72-2; Reeve 20-8-33-1; Smith 35-4-90-3; Twose 5-2-10-0.

Bonus points: Warwickshire 4, Derbyshire 8.

Umpires: J C Balderstone and G I Burgess.

Sussex v Surrey

HOVE (second day of three): Surrey, with four first-innings wickets in hand, are 179 runs ahead of Sussex

SUSSEX: First Innings 213 (M P Bicknell 6-43)

SURREY: First Innings

D J Bicknell not out 154
M A Lynch lbw b Stephenson 46
G P Thorpe lbw b Hemmings 1
*†A J Stewart lbw b Hemmings 127
D M Ward lbw b Salisbury 8
A D Brown c Moores b Stephenson 24
M P Bicknell b Stephenson 0
N M Kendrick not out 14
Extras (lb 10, nb 8) 18
Total (6 wkts) 392

J Boiling, J E Benjamin and A J Murphy to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-77, 2-82, 3-322, 4-339, 5-371, 6-371.

Bonus points: Sussex 3, Surrey 8.

Umpires: G Sharp and P B Wight.

Leicestershire v Nottinghamshire

LEICESTER (second day of four): Nottinghamshire have a first-innings lead of 61 runs over Leicestershire

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings 219 (N E Briers 53)

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings

P R Pollard c Whitaker b Potter 28
D W Randall c P E Robinson b Mullally 0
*R T Robinson c Pierson b Potter 70
M A Crawley c P E Robinson b Mullally 0
G F Archer lbw b Parsons 48
C L Cairns c Potter b Parsons 28
†B N French c Parsons b Potter 54
R A Pick c Wells b Potter 12
M G Field-Buss c P E Robinson b Parsons 12
D B Pennett lbw b Potter 0
J A Afford not out 5
Extras (b 10, lb 7, nb 6) 23
Total (112 overs) 280

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-99, 3-108, 4-112, 5-167, 6-198, 7-233, 8-266, 9-267.

BOWLING: Mullally 24-5-65-2; Parsons 24-7-61-3; Wells 7-2-32-0; Pierson 25-9-60-0; Potter 32-17-45-5.

Bonus points: Leicestershire 5, Nottinghamshire 6.

Umpires: D O Oslear and G A Stickley.

Middlesex v Kent

LORD'S (second day of three). Middlesex, with one first-innings wicket in hand, are 26 runs ahead of Kent

KENT: First Innings 265 (M R Benson 57, M V Fleming 57: P C R Tufnell 4-64)

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

M A Roseberry run out 38
M Keech b Igglesden 31
M R Ramprakash c Marsh b Davis 34
*J D Carr not out 100
J C Pooley b Penn 33
†K R Brown b Penn 3
M A Feltham lbw b Igglesden 22
J E Emburey lbw b Igglesden 0
N F Williams c Ward b Davis 14
A R C Fraser lbw b Igglesden 0
P C R Tufnell not out 0
Extras (lb 3, w 1, nb 12) 16
Total (9 wkts, 117 overs) 291

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-61, 2-96, 3-121, 4-190, 5-200, 6-249, 7-249, 8-284, 9-285.

Bonus points: Middlesex 6, Kent 6.

Umpires: J H Harris and M J Kitchen.

Northamptonshire v Gloucestershire

NORTHAMPTON (second day of four). Gloucestershire, with eight second-innings wickets in hand, are 130 runs behind Northamptonshire

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 107 (K M Curran 5-38)

Second Innings

B C Broad lbw b Taylor 4
S G Hinks c Loye b Taylor 8
R J Scott not out 33
M W Alleyne not out 11
Extras 0
Total (2 wkts) 56

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-21.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

A Fordham lbw b Cooper 54
N A Felton lbw b Davies 25
R J Bailey b Davies 0
*A J Lamb c Davies b Smith 8
M B Loye c Cooper b Davies 105
D J Capel c Russell b Alleyne 16
K M Curran lbw b Cooper 53
†D Ripley b Davies 2
A R Roberts c Wright b Wight 11
J P Taylor c Russell b Davies 9
N G B Cook not out 1
Extras (lb 5, nb 4) 9
Total 293

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-58, 2-62, 3-82, 4-99, 5-193, 6-231, 7-245, 8-263, 9-286.

BOWLING: Cooper 24.1-15-26-2; Smith 27-5-58-1; Scott 9-2-28-0; Davies 37-10-84-5; Wight 39-13-85-1, Alleyne 5-1-9-1.

Bonus points: Northamptonshire 6, Gloucestershire 3.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and J W Holder.

Lancashire v Durham

OLD TRAFFORD (second day of four): Lancashire, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, need 248 runs to avoid the follow-on against Durham

DURHAM: First Innings

G Fowler c Hegg b DeFreitas 49
W Larkins lbw b Chapple 76
P W G Parker c Atherton b Watkinson 123
P Bainbridge c Lloyd b Martin 79
J A Daley c Martin b Watkinson 50
I T Botham c Watkinson b Chapple 3
M P Briers c Hegg b Watkinson 1
†C W Scott c DeFreitas b Chapple 26
J Wood c Speak b Martin 28
*D A Graveney not out 21
S J E Brown not out 0
Extras (b 13, lb 14, nb 32) 59
Total (9 wkts dec) 515

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-43, 2-161, 3-330, 4-395, 5-404, 6-413, 7-432, 8-478, 9-497.

BOWLING: DeFreitas 34-3-118-1; Martin 29-9-83-2, Chapple 29-6-97-3; Barnett 37-9-65-0; Watkinson 40-12-125-3.

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

G D Mendis c Fowler b Wood 1
M A Atherton not out 56
N J Speak c Daley b Graveney 43
*N H Fairbrother not out 13
Extras 5
Total (2 wkts, 48 overs) 118

G D Lloyd, †W K Hegg, P A J DeFreitas, M Watkinson, P J Martin, G Chapple and A A Barnett to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-99.

Bonus points: Lancashire 1, Durham 4.

Umpires: N T Plews and A G T Whitehead.

Other matches

Cambridge University v Glamorgan

FENNER'S (final day of three): Cambridge University drew with Glamorgan

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 298 for 8 dec (R D B Croft 107, H Morris 51)

Second Innings

C P Metson b Charlesworth 25
D L Hemp c and b Pearson 33
P A Cottey retired hurt 13
R P Lefebvre c Crawley b Pitcher 35
A Dale c Arscott b Pitcher 17
S P James lbw b Pitcher 8
S L Watkin not out 24
R D B Croft not out 24
Extras (b 7, lb 1, nb 2) 10
Total (6 wkts dec) 187

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-31, 2-77, 3-129, 4-134, 5-137.

BOWLING: Haste 13-4-45-0; Charlesworth 7-1-17-1; Pearson 21-6-53-1; Whittall 6-3-14-0; Pitcher 13-2-50-3.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First Innings 172 (R Cake 57 not out; S L Watkin 4-36)

Second Innings

J P Crawley c Maynard b Croft 49
G W Jones c Maynard b Barwick 7
M E D Jarrett not out 43
R Cake c and b Croft 9
G M Charlesworth b Dale 25
J P Carroll c Maynard b Dale 0
J P Arscott not out 15
Extras 5
Total (5 wkts) 153

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16, 2-61, 3-79, 4-122, 5-122.

BOWLING: Watkin 10-2-33-0; Lefebvre 8-5-22-0; Barwick 10-2-31-1; Croft 20-11-32-2; Dale 12-5-30-2.

Umpires: B Dudleston and T E Jesty

Oxford University v Hampshire

THE PARKS (final day of three): Oxford University drew with Hampshire

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings: 169 (M C J Nicholas 82; M Jeh 5 for 83)

Second Innings

T C Middleton b Yeabsley 63
V P Terry retired 117
R A Smith not out 15
J R Ayling not out 27
Extras (b 2, lb 7, w 1, nb 4) 14
Total (2 wkts dec) 236

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-166, 2-207.

BOWLING: Jeh 21-5-60-0; Gallian 7-1-20-0; MacMillan 6-0-33-0; Yeabsley 22-5-48-1; MacDonald 11.4-3-26-0; Malik 7-1-32-0; Gupte 1-0-7-0.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings 230 for 8 dec (J E R Gallian 83)

Second Innings

C M Gupte c Turner b Udal 36
J E R Gallian lbw b Jean-Jacques 0
G I MacMillan c Jean-Jacques b Turner 25
C L Keey c sub b Udal 23
H Malik not out 64
R Yeabsley run out 1
E Fowler run out 5
C Lyons run out 1
R Oliphant-Callum run out 2
M Jeh not out 3
Extras (lb 4) 4
Total (8 wkts) 168

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-82, 3-62, 4-107, 5-126, 6-142, 7-152, 8-158.

BOWLING: Jean-Jacques 8-0-16-1; Shine 5-0-28-0; Turner 10-3-29-1; Udal 15.5-2-64-2; James 6-0-27-0.

Umpires: D J Constant and M K Reed.

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Cardiff: Glamorgan 240 (J Sylvester 86; A Penberthy 4-25) and 164 (N Bowen 6-38); Northamptonshire 388 for 8 dec (W Noon 103 not out, A Penberthy 99, S Fleming 85; G Roberts 4-95) and 18 to 1. Northamptonshire won by nine wickets.

Bristol: Gloucestershire 271 (G D Hodgson 73) and 249 (R I Dawson 66). Surrey 292 (M F Sergeant 80, I J Ward 54; A M Babington 5-58) and 13 for 1. Match drawn.

Headingley: Essex 264 (A G J Fraser 84, D D J Robinson 62) and 181 (M P Vaughan 4-34); Yorkshire 262 for 7 dec (M P Vaughan 77) and 187 for 6 (R A Kettleborough 67). Yorkshire won by four wickets.

Oakham: Kent 237 (J I Longley 69; W J Adiam 5-39) and 371 for 9 dec (D J Spencer 86, J I Longley 59, M A Ealham 55, R M Ellison 52, P J Wilcock 51), Leicestershire 119 (W J Adiam 55; D J Spencer 6-26) and 207. Kent won by 282 runs.

Harrow: Sussex 277 (C W J Athey 87, K Greenfield 55, C C Remy 52, N G Cowans 4-50) and 210 (K Greenfield 61, R L Johnson 4-24), Middlesex 358 (R J Sims 213, J A North 4-53) and 131 for 3 (P Farbrace 54 not out). Middlesex won by seven wkts.

WEEKEND FIXTURES

3.0 unless stated

FOOTBALL

FA Premier League

Arsenal v Crystal Palace
Blackburn v Sheff Wed (all ticket)
Coventry v Leeds
Ipswich v Nottm Forest
Liverpool v Tottenham
Man City v Everton
Middlesbrough v Norwich
Oldham v Southampton
Sheff Utd v Chelsea

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Man United	41	23	12	6	65	30	81
Aston Villa	41	21	11	9	56	38	74
Norwich	41	21	8	12	58	62	71
Blackburn	41	19	11	11	67	46	68
Sheff Wed	40	15	14	11	54	47	59
Man City	41	15	12	14	54	46	57
QPR	40	15	12	13	58	53	57
Liverpool	41	15	11	15	56	53	56
Chelsea	41	14	14	13	49	50	56
Tottenham	40	15	11	14	55	59	56
Wimbledon	41	14	12	15	55	53	54
Arsenal	40	14	11	15	36	35	53
Coventry	41	13	12	16	49	54	51
Leeds	41	12	14	15	54	59	50
Everton	41	14	8	19	48	53	50
Southampton	41	13	11	17	51	57	50
Sheff United	41	13	10	18	50	51	49
Ipswich	41	11	16	14	48	54	49
C Palace	41	11	16	14	48	58	49
Oldham	41	12	10	19	59	71	46
Middlesbro	41	11	10	20	51	72	43
Nottm Forest	41	10	10	21	40	60	40

Barclays League

First division

Barnsley v Swindon
Birmingham v Charlton
Bristol City v Brentford
Derby v Wolverhampton
Millwall v Bristol Rovers (all ticket)
Notts County v Sunderland
Peterborough v Tranmere
Portsmouth v Grimsby (all ticket)
Southend v Luton
Watford v Oxford Utd
West Ham v Cambridge Utd

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Newcastle	45	28	9	8	85	37	93
West Ham	45	25	10	10	79	41	85
Portsmouth	45	25	10	10	78	45	85
Tranmere	45	23	9	13	71	55	78
Swindon	45	21	13	11	74	58	76
Leicester	45	22	10	13	70	57	76
Millwall	45	18	16	11	65	50	70
Grimsby	45	19	7	19	57	55	64
Derby	45	18	9	18	66	57	63
Wolves	45	16	13	16	57	54	61
Peterboro	45	16	13	16	54	62	61
Charlton	45	16	13	16	49	45	61
Barnsley	45	16	9	20	55	60	57
Watford	45	14	13	18	57	70	55
Oxford Utd	45	13	14	18	52	56	53
Bristol City	45	13	14	18	45	66	53
Luton	45	10	21	14	47	60	51
Sunderland	45	13	11	21	49	61	50
Southend	45	12	13	20	52	63	49
Notts County	45	11	16	18	52	69	49
Brentford	45	13	10	22	51	67	49
Cambridge	45	11	16	18	48	67	49
Birmingham	45	12	12	21	49	72	48
Bristol R	45	9	11	25	52	87	38

Second division

Blackpool v Port Vale (all ticket)
Bolton v Preston
Bournemouth v Wigan
Bradford v Hartlepool
Brighton v Chester
Fulham v Exeter
Huddersfield v Stockport
Mansfield v Rotherham
Plymouth v Reading
Stoke v Burnley (all ticket)
Swansea v Leyton Orient
West Brom v Hull

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Stoke	45	27	11	7	72	33	92
Bolton	45	26	9	10	79	41	87
Port Vale	45	25	11	9	75	42	86
West Brom	45	24	10	11	85	53	82
Swansea	45	20	13	12	65	46	73
Stockport	45	19	15	11	80	55	72
L Orient	45	20	9	16	68	53	69
Bradford	45	18	14	13	69	65	68
Reading	45	18	14	13	64	49	68
Brighton	45	19	9	17	60	57	66
Fulham	45	16	16	13	56	54	64
Rotherham	45	16	14	15	57	59	62
Burnley	45	15	15	15	56	58	60
Plymouth	45	16	11	18	57	62	59
Huddersfield	45	16	9	20	52	60	57
Bournemth	45	12	16	17	45	52	52
Blackpool	45	12	15	18	61	71	51
Hartlepool	45	13	12	20	40	60	51
Hull	45	13	11	21	45	66	50
Exeter	45	11	16	18	53	68	49
Preston	45	13	8	24	65	93	47
Mansfield	45	11	11	23	51	77	44
Wigan	45	10	10	25	43	72	40
Chester	45	8	5	32	47	99	29

Third division

Crewe v Barnet
Doncaster v Walsall
Halifax v Hereford
Lincoln v Darlington
Rochdale v Chesterfield
Scarborough v Carlisle
Scunthorpe v Cardiff
Shrewsbury v Northampton
Torquay v Gillingham
Wrexham v Colchester

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cardiff	41	24	8	9	74	47	80
Barnet	41	23	10	8	65	44	79
Wrexham	41	22	11	8	71	49	77
York	42	21	12	9	72	45	75
Walsall	41	21	7	13	73	61	70
Crewe	41	20	7	14	71	55	67
Bury	42	18	9	15	63	55	63
Shrewsbury	41	17	11	13	55	49	62
Lincoln	41	17	9	15	55	53	60
Colchester	41	18	5	18	64	72	59
Chesterfield	41	15	11	15	58	61	56
Rochdale	41	15	10	16	58	69	55
Scunthorpe	41	14	12	15	57	51	54
Scarborough	41	15	8	18	64	69	53
Darlington	41	12	14	15	48	51	50
Doncaster	41	11	14	16	42	54	47
Carlisle	41	11	10	20	49	63	43
Hereford	41	9	15	17	46	60	42
Gillingham	41	9	13	19	47	62	40
Torquay	41	11	7	23	43	66	40
Northampton	41	10	8	23	45	72	38
Halifax	41	9	9	23	45	67	36

Scottish League

Premier division

Aberdeen v St Johnstone
Dundee v Hibernian
Hearts v Airdrie
Motherwell v Falkirk
Partick v Celtic
Rangers v Dundee Utd

First division

Ayr v St Mirren
Cowdenbeath v Kilmarnock
Dumbarton v Dunfermline
Hamilton v Clydebank
Morton v Stirling
Raith v Meadowbank

Second division

Arbroath v East Fife
Brechin v Albion
East Stirling v Montrose
Forfar v Alloa
Queen Of South v Clyde
Stenhousemuir v Queen's Park
Stranraer v Berwick

FA Vase

Final

Bridlington v Tiverton (at Wembley)

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Caersws v Flint Town; Connah's Quay v Cwmbran (2.30); Haverfordwest v Maesteg Park; Mold v Aberystwyth (2.30); Newtown v Conwy.

BORD GAIS LEAGUE: Premier division: Play-offs: Shelbourne v Bohemians (7.45)

BASS IRISH CUP: Final: Replay: Ards v Bangor (at Windsor Park)

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Leeds v Sheff Utd (11.0)

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Tottenham v Norwich (2.0).

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Cambridge v West Ham; Fulham v Charlton; Millwall v Tottenham; QPR v Norwich.

JEWSON FOOTBALL LEAGUE: Premier division: Cornard v Gorleston; Norwich v Wroxham; Tiptree v Chatteris.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Blackpool v Bradford Park Avenue; Burscough v Nantwich; Darwen v Flixton; Glossop North End v Eastwood Hanley; Kidsgrove v Prescot; Newcastle v Maine Road (Man); Penrith v Chadderton.

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: National Westminster Bank v Old Esthamians

OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: Glyn v Aloysians; Meadonians v Tiffinians; Wilsonians v Ignatians.

RUGBY UNION

Swalec Cup final

Llanelli v Neath (at Cardiff, 2.30)

CRICKET

Britannic Assurance County Championship

Third day of four

11.0, 110 overs

CHELMSFORD: Essex v Yorkshire.
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Durham.
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Nottinghamshire.
LORD'S: Middlesex v Kent.
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Gloucestershire
HOVE: Sussex v Surrey.
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Derbyshire.

OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: GRE British League.
EQUESTRIANISM: Badminton horse trials.
GOLF: Benson and Hedges International (St Mellion).
TENNIS: LTA spring satellite tournament (Bracknell).

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL

FA Premier League

QPR v Aston Villa (all ticket, 2.0)
Wimbledon v Man Utd (all ticket, 2.0)

Barclays League

First division

Newcastle v Leicester (all ticket, 3.0)

Vauxhall FA Trophy

Final

Wycombe v Runcorn (at Wembley, 3.0)

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter Premiership

Semi-final

St Helens v Leeds (3.0)

Divisional Premiership

Semi-final

Featherstone v Dewsbury (3.30)
Rochdale v Workington (3.0)

CRICKET

AXA Equity & Law League

Chelmsford: Essex v Yorkshire.
Old Trafford: Lancashire v Durham.
Leicester: Leicestershire v Nottinghamshire.
Lord's: Middlesex v Kent.
Northampton: Northamptonshire v Gloucestershire.
Hove: Sussex v Surrey.
Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Derbyshire.

OTHER SPORT

EQUESTRIANISM: Badminton horse trials.
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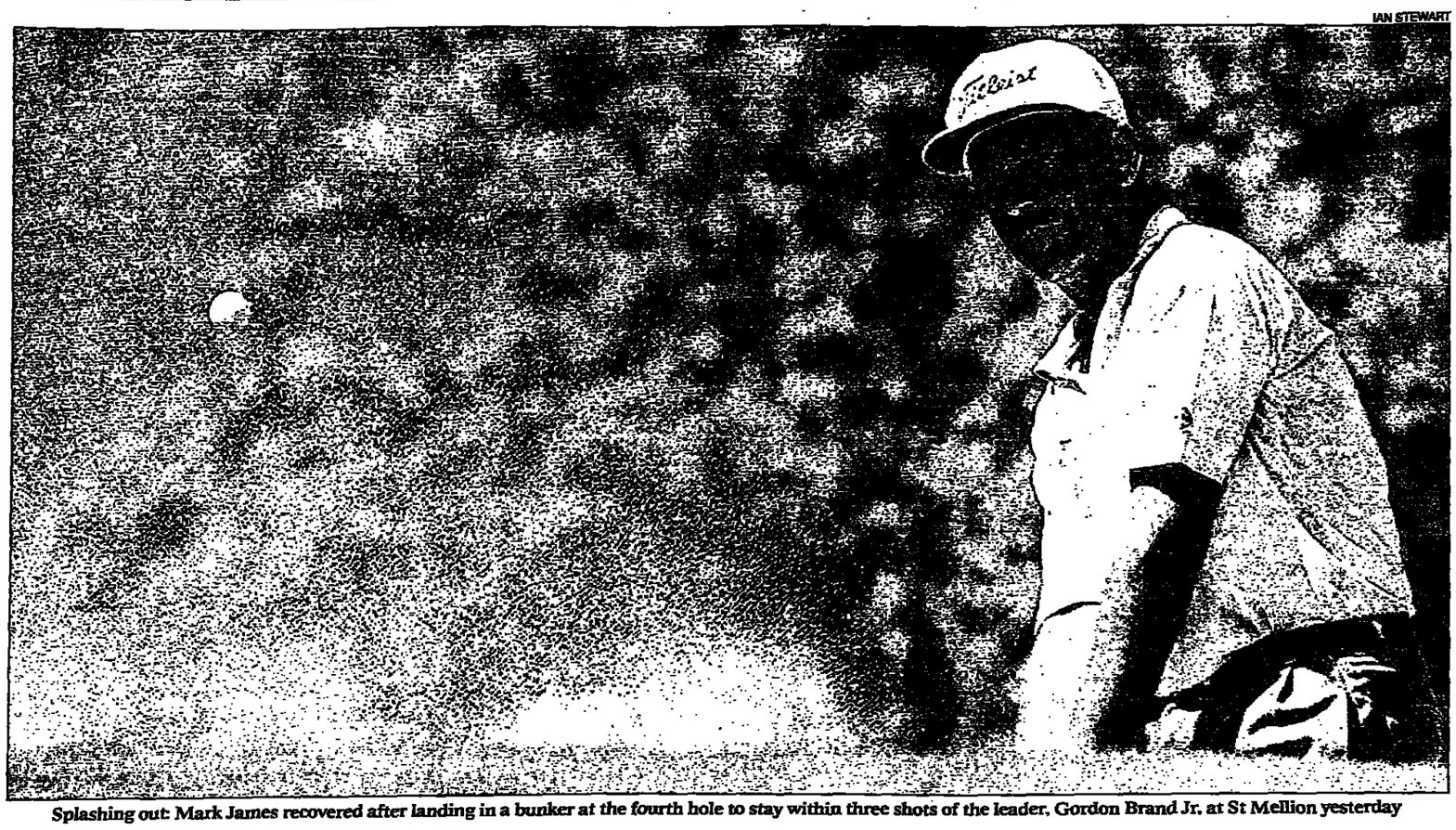
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IAN STEWART



Splashing out: Mark James recovered after landing in a bunker at the fourth hole to stay within three shots of the leader, Gordon Brand Jr, at St Mellion yesterday

Brand Jr leads as rivals limp home

BY PATRICIA DAVIES

GORDON Brand Jr, to his chagrin, stopped winning golf tournaments in 1989 but yesterday, in the second round of the Benson & Hedges International at St Mellion, he gave himself hope that he might rediscover the habit.

Brand, a Scottish Bristolian, whose last win was in this event at Fulford the year he made the second of his two Ryder Cup appearances, shot 69 for a total of 136, eight under par. That left him two shots ahead of Paul Broadhurst, slowly revitalising himself after a bad patch of 18 months, and Joakim Haeggman, the Swede.

Mark James, the golfer with cold hands and green fingers, was on five under, alongside José Maria Olazabál, with Nick Faldo, who dropped a shot at the last, on four under. "Nearly good but not quite," the Open champion said, before heading to the practice ground to sort out a swing that had caused him displeasure over the last few holes.

Olazábal also had his problems over that stretch, dropping three shots from the 13th, but Brand flourished with birdies at the 13th, 14th, 15th and 17th, to come home in 32. "I quietened my hands down on the putting stroke, and they started going in," he said.

He also felt he was striking the ball well — "I was seeing the shots and taking them on" — and overcoming a tentativeness that had caused him to beat himself more often than not over the last two or three years.

Brand Jr conceded he had had the best of the conditions — barely any wind for two days is unheard of at St Mellion — and it was also why James, a gardening buff who has already won twice this season, thrived. "If it gets cold, I'm history," he said, a reference to the fact that his circulation does not reach his hands in cold weather, making it nearly impossible for him to hold the club.

On a day when the field's worst eclectic score was calculated at 128 — 64 out, 64 back — there were many tempted to let go of the club. Inevitably, the talk was more of golfing disaster than of triumph. Bernard Gallacher, the Ryder Cup captain, took 83, Peter Oosterhuis had 81 and Tony Jacklin, another leading player of the Seventies, took 79. Sandy Lyle, Jim Payne and Jamie Spence were just three other worthies to miss the cut, as did Eamonn Darcy. The Irishman was chugging along nicely at two over par with four holes to play, but never saw the fairway at the 15th, a par four of 442 yards. He eventually reached the green via a bush and two bunkers, employing a repertoire of hacks and shanks. The result was a nine and Darcy's fifth missed cut in his ten outings this season.

Paul Way's progress was a perfect illustration of the roller-coaster nature of golf at St Mellion. At one stage in the first round he was three under par but finished four over. After two holes yesterday, he was seven over but five birdies later he was only two over. A triple-bogey eight at the 7th, his 16th, was a low blow he could have done without and when he walked up to his drive at the 9th and found it out of bounds he just kept on walking.

The course also extracted its full toll from Robert Allenby, the young man from Melbourne who led the Australasian order of merit last year, who was making his Cornish debut. He literally limped out of the tournament in physical agony.

Allenby wore new shoes on Tuesday that left him with a right heel that was mostly blister. He took 77 in the first round but stubbornly carried on up hill and down dale yesterday. In the process he pulled a ligament, a groin and an Achilles tendon and finished with three putts on the 18th for a double-bogey six that took him to seven over par.

However, Allenby was ailing so much he signed for a five at the last and was disqualified — a fitting end to a far from perfect day.

LEADING SECOND ROUND SCORES

136: G Brand Jnr, 67, 69. 138: J Haeggman (Swe), 69, 69; P Broadhurst, 69, 69. 139: J-M Olazabal (Spl, 67, 72; M James, 68, 71. 140: N Faldo, 70, 70. 141: A Oldcorn, 71, 70; G Evans, 72, 69; S Struver (Ger), 67, 74. 142: C Rocca (It), 70, 72; R Chapman, 70, 72; C Montgomerie, 70, 72; P McGinley, 72, 70; S Ames (Trl), 75, 67; A Gilmer (Swe), 74, 68; D A Russell, 70, 72. 143: P Senior (Aus), 74, 69; V Singh (Fiji), 68, 75.

144: P Baker, 75, 69; M Poxon, 72, 72; B Lane, 69, 75; D Clarke, 76, 68; M Roe, 73, 71; R Davis (Aus), 71, 73; R Goosen (SA), 76, 68. 145: A Murray, 73, 72; D Curry, 74, 71; A Hunter, 77, 68; C O'Connor Jr, 71, 74; T Johnstone (Zim), 74, 71; O Sellberg, (Swe), 74, 71; D Gilford, 69, 76; S McAllister, 75, 70; D W Basson (SA), 74, 71. 146: M Mackenzie, 72, 74; P Affleck, 70, 76; S Torrance, 71, 75; J Sewell, 70, 76; R McFarlane, 75, 71.

147: M Mouland, 70, 77; H-P Thuel (Ger), 74, 73; P Hall, 74, 73; M McLean, 74, 73; M A Jimenez (Sp), 74, 73; G Orr, 74, 73; C Mason, 74, 73; S Field, 76, 71; R Karlsson (Swe), 73, 74; J Carrilss (Sp), 75, 72; M Sunesson (Swe), 75, 72; A Sorensen (Den), 74, 73; G Turner (NZ), 74, 73; G J Brand, 69, 78; M Ferry (Fr), 73, 74; T Levet (Fr), 74, 73; R Willison, 74, 73.

Back injury delays Christie

BY DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

FOR the first time in three years, Linford Christie will not be helping his club, Thames Valley Harriers, through their opening GRE British League fixture of the season today. Christie, the Olympic 100 metres champion and European record holder, is unable to train at full throttle 11 weeks after hurting his back while weight training in Australia. But it was never intended that he would compete as early this season as he has in the recent past.

"It is annoying more than worrying," Ron Roddan, Christie's coach, said yesterday. "He has been able to do some training, so he is keeping his fitness going, but it is frustrating that he cannot do quite as much work as he wanted."

The delay to Christie's season was scheduled because the focal point, the world championships in Stuttgart in mid-August, are a fortnight later in the calendar than the Olympic Games were last year.

Thames Valley are not alone in being hard hit for the first division match at Kingsmeadow stadium, Kingston, today — Belgrave Harriers, in their first year as champions, must manage without John Regis, Jon Ridgeon and Marcus Adam, all training in the United States, among others.

There will be few, if any, of Britain's best athletes on show. "It is disappointing but the stars have supported the league very well over the past few years and I would not like to criticise them," Roger Simons, the league chairman, said.

"Our primary role is to be the pinnacle of a league system which provides one of the best competitive structures in the world. It has been the nurturing ground, along with the coaching system, for the development of athletes over the past ten to 15 years."

The league is understandably piqued that the British Athletic Federation (BAF) has changed the date of its European relays meeting to June 5, clashing with the second of the league's four fixtures. At that stage in the season the clubs would have been more likely to enjoy the services of their leading athletes. The league is making representations to the BAF about this problem, but has little hope of a change.

The league has widened its role to assisting disabled athletes. Today it begins a junior wheelchair grand prix. "It is our contribution towards the integration of handicap events into main sport," Simons said.

Llanelli covet record double

BY GERALD DAVIES

LLANELLI'S appearance in the Swalec Cup this afternoon against Neath will be their fifth in six years and their eleventh since the competition began in 1972. They failed to make it to the Arms Park in 1990 and lost to today's opponents in 1989, but won on the other three occasions.

Their consistency over this period is almost the equal to that in the early seventies when after losing, again to Neath in the cup's inaugural year, they went on to win the next four.

Today's match will have an added meaning in that, since they have already secured the first division championship, they are intent on achieving the double success. This has not been accomplished before. Swansea came close last year, but having won the league, Llanelli denied them the cup.

It is also significant that this will be Gareth Jenkins' last match as coach to the club. He is to pursue his role as assistant to Alan Davies, the Welsh coach. This breaks a relationship which began when he joined Llanelli in 1966 as a brilliant flanker but whose likely international career was cut short by a knee injury playing for the Barbarians.

"I see this as a chance to develop into a better coach," he says. "I will miss the shared experience of club commitment but this opportunity gives me access to international rugby."

Llanelli have played with such artistry and speed this season that they have set a trend that others need to follow next autumn. In their 22 league games they scored 136 tries. This is in no small measure due to Jenkins' attitude to rugby and that of his fellow coach, Allan Lewis.

"What people do not realise is how difficult it is to manage a club squad," Jenkins said. "I knew at the start of the season we had a good enough squad to win both cup and league. I knew we had a better depth than before. But there are periods when a coach does not have the best players available. International players make a good team and they are not always under your control. They have other commitments.

This afternoon's challenge is to see whether they can adapt to Neath's tactics. Llanelli are the clear favourites.

Rupert Moon, the outstanding captain of the club, must find his way free from the stranglehold which his opponents intend to impose.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Leeds seek solace in premiership

TOO often in the past, the Stones Bitter rugby league premiership has been a last resort for Leeds. They have folded under pressure in seven semi-finals since their last triumph, in 1979, most spectacularly at the hands of Wigan last season, when they lost 74-6. Leeds will carry memories of that disaster into the semi-final against St Helens tomorrow, when they badly need to put some gloss on another disappointing season. Three defeats by St Helens, including one in the first round of the Regal Trophy, might not fill them with confidence, although the later stages of the campaign have brought some belated encouragement after a season in which riches on paper have produced a minimal return. Two of Leeds's big name signings, Kevin Iro and Andy Goodway, whose appearances have been limited by injury, return to the starting line-up.

It has been no less a frustrating season for St Helens, who were pipped by Wigan for the league title on points difference. They have delayed naming a side, though Gary Connolly, the Great Britain centre, is hopeful of coming through a fitness test on an ankle injury.

Group 4 challenges

YACHTING: Group 4 Securitas has moved up to compete with Commercial Union for the lead on the final stage of the British Steel Challenge to Southampton. The ten boats are tightly packed off the Gambia coast and Commercial Union lost vital time when forced to tack clear of the Dos Bibjagos Islands. Group 4 has sailed a more direct course and by 14:00 yesterday was within three miles of the lead, despite losing four hours when her crew went to the aid of a fishing boat that appeared to have engine problems. After transferring food to the crew of 15 and alerting the rescue authorities, Group 4 continued racing and will doubtless claim the time lost on return to Southampton in two weeks' time. This could affect the outcome, for Nuclear Electric, with a tenuous eight-hour lead in the overall standings, was two hours behind Group 4 and sailing two knots slower.

Britons advance

REAL TENNIS: The world champion, Penny Lumley, and Alex Garside, both of Britain, reached the semi-finals of the women's world championship in Bordeaux with straight-sets victories. Garside, the second seed and world doubles champion, outhit the fluent Katrina Allen, a former British Open champion, for the loss of only three games. Lumley was made to work harder by the Australian, Fiona Deuchar, sister of the world championship challenger, Lachie.

☐ Chris Ronaldson, the former world champion, played some of his best tennis of the year to defeat the Oratory School professional, Jonathan Howell, in straight sets to reach the semi-finals of the BNB British Professional championship at Holyport. Ronaldson, the Hampton Court professional, now meets Lachie Deuchar, who beat the Leamington professional, Kevin Sheldon.

Absentees break rules

CYCLING: The two British professional teams signed up for the Milk Race later this month — Banana and Neilson-Tivoli — could face penalties for missing tomorrow's Premier Calendar series race at Barnsley. Instead, Banana are competing in the Tour of Austria and the Neilson-Tivoli in Ireland. The rules of the Professional Cycling Association do not allow more than one team at a time to race overseas. Gary Coltman, until last weekend the Premier Calendar leader, could benefit from the absence of his rivals. He is third, 27 points behind Mark Walsham and 16 points behind Chris Lillywhite, both competing in Austria. A place in the top three in Barnsley would give Coltman a minimum of 30 points and make him the series leader again.

Test player jailed

CRICKET: Bruce Taylor, the former New Zealand all-rounder and selector, was sent to prison for two years yesterday after being found guilty of stealing NZ$368,000 (about £70,000) from John McGlashan College, Dunedin, where he was an administrator. Taylor, who was a selector until the time of his arrest, stole the money in 172 separate incidents to finance a seven-year gambling spree. Taylor, who has been undergoing treatment for gambling addiction, said in the 12 months before his arrest he had been gambling nearly £100 a day. "It was every race and every meeting," he said.

A Rugby Sevens Tournament in aid of the National Advertising Benevolent Society takes place on Sunday 9th May at Richmond Athletic Ground, Kew Foot Road, Richmond. Kick off is at 10 am with the finals at 6 pm. Refreshments and children's entertainments are available throughout the day.

Tickets on the gate are £2.50 for adults, £1.00 for children and £2.00 for the car park.

Brunico remains on duty

POINT-TO-POINT BY BRIAN BEEL

WITH 1,454 horses engaged at the 11 meetings today, entries have held up well but, following the recent dry spell, many are likely to remain in their boxes.

One who seems oblivious to concrete or quagmire, Brunico, will be trying at the Gelligaer Farmers to draw level again with Melton Park. Taking the lead by virtue of winning on both the Saturday and Monday of the holiday weekend, to take his score to nine for the season, Melton Park will find difficult opposition at the Cambridge University meeting in Hill Street, Shimshek and Snowfire Chap.

It is wishful thinking that See More Indians, Hops And Pops and Indian Knight will all fulfil their engagement for the open at the New Forest.

TODAY'S MEETINGS: Athenstone, Ciston-on-Dunsmore, 3m north west of junction 18 of M1 (first race 2.00); Cambridge University, Cottenham, 5m N of Cambridge (2.30); Cumberland, Aspatria, 2m NE of town (2.00); Gelligaer Farmers, Llanbarnam, 4m N of Newport (4.00); Holcombe Harriers, Alntree, 3m N of Liverpool town centre (2.00); Minehead & West Somerset, Holnicote, 3m W of Minehead (2.00); Modbury Harriers, Flete Park, 2m N of Modbury (2.00); New Forest, Larkhill, 3m NW of Amesbury (2.00); Surrey Union, Piper Harrow, 2m W of Godalming (2.00); United, Brampton Bryan, 10m W of Ludlow (2.00); Vale of Aylesbury, Kingston Blount, 4m NE of Watlington (4.30)

Bin Ajwaad heads raid on classic

FROM OUR FRENCH RACING CORRESPONDENT, PARIS

BIN Ajwaad, third to Zafonic in the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket last Saturday, heads the British challenge for the French equivalent, the Dubai Poule d'Essai des Poulains, at Longchamp tomorrow. Michael Roberts replaces Bruce Raymond on the Ben Hanbury-trained colt.

Tinners Way and Firm Pledge complete a British trio joined by Blush Rambler, who was trained by Michael Stoute last season but is now in the care of Dubai handler Richard Conway.

The home team is headed by the unbeaten Zieten, who attempts to complete the Guineas double for Andre Fabre. The trainer is also represented in the group two Prix Hocquart by Fort Wood, who misses the Lingfield Derby Trial to run here.

3.00 DUBAI POULE D'ESSAI DES POULAINS (Group 1: 3-Y-O colts: £119,474: 1m) (10 runners, all carry 9-2)

1-3 Tinners Way J Gosden (GB) (Pat Eddery); 1-12- Blush Rambler R Conway (Dubai) (W R Swinburn); 10-2 Basinsfield A Fabre (O Peslier); 11-1 Zieten A Fabre (T Jarnet); 2-33 Bin Ajwaad B Hanbury (GB) (M Roberts); 5-21 Hudo F Boutin (E Saint-Martin); 252-1 Kingmambo F Boutin (C Asmussen); 0-242 Semillon Mme M Bollack-Badel (A Badel); 0-61 Firm Pledge P Cole (GB) (A Munro); 1-14 Fantastic Dream E Lellouche (D Boeuf).

9-4 Zieten and Basinsfield (coupled), 3-1 Bin Ajwaad, 5-1 Kingmambo and Hudo (coupled), 7-1 Firm Pledge, 8-1 Tinners Way, 10-1 Blush Rambler, 14-1 others.

NEWCASTLE

THUNDERER

6.15 Interim Lib. 6.45 Regal Romper. 7.15 Hudson Bay Trader. 7.45 On The Hooch. 8.15 Algari. 8.45 The Green Fool.

GOING: GOOD SIS

6.15 CIU CONVALESCENT HOMES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,511: 3m) (3 runners)

1 2251 SHOON WIND 22 (CD,F,6,5) M Hammond 10-12-0 ..... P Niven
2 9444 KIRSTY'S BOY 45 (D,BF,F,6,5) Miss L Perrell 10-11-8 G McCourt
3 203P INTERIM LIB 10 (CD,BF,F,6,5) Mrs S Bradburne 10-11-0 Mr J Bradburne

5-4 Shoon Wind, 7-4 Kirsty's Boy, 2-1 Interim Lib.

6.45 McEWANS LAGER NOVICES HURDLE (£1,612: 2m 110yd) (25)

1 3110 FULL O'PRAISE 17 (CD,F,6) P Calver 6-12-3 ..... T Reed
2 8030 REGAL ROMPER 14 (D,6) Mrs S Smith 5-11-10 ... D Towler (7)
3 6-40 ADDINGTON LAD 17 G Richards 6-11-3 ..... S Harding (7)
4 63-3 ASHDOWN 17 A Harrison 6-11-3 ..... S Taylor (7)
5 4232 ASTRALEON 8 R Allan 5-11-3 ..... A Dobson
6 P0 DOUGAL'S BIRTHDAY 28 G Coatsworth 7-11-3 ..... A Merrigan
7 HYDROPIC 873F D Chapman 6-11-3 ..... R Garritty
8 00 KIRCHWYN LAD 40 S Leadbetter 5-11-3 ..... C Grant
9 00-0 MANWELL 7 B Temple 6-11-3 ..... Mr S Walker (7)
10 804P OLD MORTALITY 32 R Allan 7-11-3 ..... D J Moffatt (3)
11 00 SANG DE FLEUR 48 M Avison 6-11-3 ..... J Callaghan
12 00-0 STILL DANCING 28 J Hubbuck 7-11-3 ..... D Bentley (5)
13 24/ TROOPER THORN 1468 S Pittendrigh 9-11-3 Mr S Pittendrigh (7)
14 BEADS 1771F M Barnes 8-10-12 ..... P Waggott (5)
15 0 BECCY BROWN 51 F Watson 5-10-12 ..... K Johnson
16 0 JOG-ALONG 51 G Coatsworth 4-10-12 ..... R Hodge
17 P00 LADYSBRIDGE 43 Mrs A Hamilton 5-10-12 ..... Mr N Wilson
18 -551 MAGIC BLOOM 47 (CD,F) A Stringer 7-10-12 ..... A Lamach (3)
19 MUFID 325F R Lamb 4-10-12 ..... J Burke (7)
20 22F4 NOUVELLE CUISINE 22 G Moore 5-10-12 ..... N Bentley (3)
21 0P0P RAP UP FAST 7 (6) N Waggott 4-10-12 ..... D Wilkinson
22 PPBP ROYAL FFE 28 Mrs B Bread 7-10-12 ..... C Woodall (7)
23 P5P0 SULA 51 S Mactaggart 5-10-12 ..... C Downie (3)
24 0 TASMIN GAYLE 47 R Bewis 5-10-12 ..... G Harker
25 0506 BLUSHING GOLD 28 Mrs J Jordan 4-10-7 ..... M Sharratt

7-2 Full O'Praise, 9-2 Addington Lad, 6-1 Ashdown, 8-1 Regal Romper, 9-1 Magic Bloom, 10-1 Astraleon, 12-1 Nouvelle Cuisine, 16-1 others.

7.15 NEWCASTLE BREWERIES TOP OF THE NORTH NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE FINAL (£3,492: 2m 4f) (4)

1 2421 HUDSON BAY TRADER 28 (CD,6,5) P Beaumont 6-12-0 F Lesby (7)
2 1111 ATTADALE 14 (CD,F,6,5) L Lungo 5-11-6 ..... T Reed
3 0211 TEMPLE GARTH 28 (D,6,5) J Johnson 4-10-12 ..... A Dobby
4 2121 WISHING GATE 47 (C,F,6) M Hammond 5-10-10 ..... C Grant

6-4 Attadale, 11-4 Hudson Bay Trader, 7-2 Wishing Gate, 4-1 Temple Garth.

7.45 NEWCASTLE BROWN ALE AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,511: 2m 4f) (12)

1 510U REMAGOWN 15 (B,D,F,6,5) S Chadwick 10-12-0 A Thornton (3)
2 413U MIGHT GUEST 8 (C,D,BF,F,6,5) P Monteith 11-11-8 J M Due (5)
3 4F40 INTO THE TREES 99 (C,D,F,5) R Tate 9-11-2 Mrs F Needham (7)
4 1U32 ON THE HOOCH 15 (D,F,6,5) Mrs S Bradburne 8-10-12 J Bradburne (5)
5 3420 LAPIAFFE 7 (D,F,6,5) A Harrison 9-10-10 ..... W Wilson (5)
6 6/1-2 WHEELIES NEWMEMBER 43 (D,F) Mrs A Hamilton 10-10-9 A Parker (5)
7 5203 PORTAVOGIE 7 (B,6,5) C Parker 9-10-2 ..... D Parker (7)
8 P0P0 IMPERTAIN 3 (V,CD,F) W Cunningham 13-10-1 .. M Brickley (5)
9 -000 SILENT RING 7 (B,F,6) N Waggott 7-10-0 ..... S Pittendrigh (7)
10 350P ABSAILOR 26 (F) Mrs S Bradburne 9-10-0 ..... M Bradburne (7)
11 4405 PIT PONY 16 (V,6,5) Miss L Perrell 9-10-0 ..... R Hale (7)
12 4000 MIDYDE REGENT 16 R Lamb 9-10-0 ..... A Manners (7)

8-1 On The Hooch, 9-2 Might Guest, 5-1 Portavogie, 6-1 Lapiaffe, 10-1 Wheelies Newmember, Absailor, 12-1 Impertain, Into The Trees, 14-1 others.

8.15 NEWCASTLE EXHIBITION NOVICES CHASE (£1,795: 2m 4f) (9)

1 3361 ZAM BEE 14 (CD,6,5) W Read 7-12-7 ..... T Reed
2 1442 ALGARI 10 (F) G Richards 6-12-0 ..... M Moloney
3 6F/21 JUSTASERIF 17 (S) L Lungo 11-12-0 ..... C Grant
4 6350 FEARLESS KING 8 E Robson 7-11-7 ..... K Johnson
5 05PP GALLOWAY BREEZE 43 (B) S Pittendrigh 8-11-7 Mr S Pittendrigh (7)
6 -028 MOULTON BULL 39 S Leadbetter 7-11-7 ..... C Hawksley
7 00QP NORTHERN VISION 32 R Lamb 6-11-7 ..... A Merrigan
8 0P-F TRUE FAIR 33 G Wallis 10-11-7 ..... A Dobby
9 0PP4 CALIMATA 8 Lady Ann Bowlby 12-11-2 ..... G Harker

5-4 Algari, 11-4 Justaserif, 7-2 Zam Bee, 9-1 Moulton Bull, 14-1 others.

8.45 McEWANS BEST SCOTCH HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,674: 2m 110yd) (13)

1 1812 DIZZY 33 (D,BF,F,6,5) P Monteith 5-12-0 ..... A Dobbie (3)
2 3133 THE GREEN FOOL 8 (D,F,6,5) V Thompson 5-11-0 P Waggott (5)
3 5214 TAPATCH 42 (CD,BF,F,6) G Moore 5-10-12 ..... J Callaghan
4 3411 OPERATION WOLF 17 (D,F,5) M Tinkler 7-10-8 ... NON-RUNNER
5 1121 CASUAL PASS 7 (B,D,F,6,5) L Lungo 10-10-3 ..... T Reed
6 0300 TV PITCH 8 (D,F) D Lee 5-10-0 ..... Mr S Walker (7)
7 /P00 SAN PIER NICETO 26 (D,6,5) M Hammond 8-10-0 ..... C Grant
8 -69P CHRISTMAS HOLLY 53 (F,6,5) R Wood 12-10-0 .. C Woodall (7)
9 6-30 HIGHLY DECORATED 26 (D,6) Mrs S Smith 8-10-0 D Towler (7)
10 5136 CAPTAIN TANCRED 15 (D,BF,5) J Bilton 5-10-0 ..... A Jones
11 P5PR JUST PUJHANA 51 (D,5) S Payne 8-10-0 ..... D Wilkinson
12 0516 GOLDEN REVERIE 64 (B) S Mactaggart 5-10-0 ..... R Hodge
13 P400 HEAVENLY HOOFER 40 (CD,F,6) J Boulding 10-10-0 C Downie (3)

7-2 Dizzy, 4-1 The Green Fool, 5-1 Tapatch, 6-1 Casual Pass, 8-1 San Pier Niceto, 12-1 Christmas Holly, TV Pitch, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: P Calver, 3 winners from 9 runners, 33.3%; P Beaumont, 3 from 11, 27.3%; N Tinkler, 9 from 41, 22.0%; S Moore, 18 from 75, 21.3%; J Johnson, 18 from 88, 18.2%; Mrs S Bradburne, 6 from 41, 14.6%.

JOCKEYS: Mr A Thornton, 3 winners from 9 rides, 33.3%; Mr N Wilson, 3 from 10, 30.0%; C Grant, 40 from 152, 26.3%; N Bentley, 6 from 23, 26.1%; G McCourt, 15 from 82, 24.2%; A Dobbie, 3 from 13, 23.1%.

WORCESTER

THUNDERER

1.30 Jalhasb. 2.00 Vazon Bay. 2.30 Height Of Fun. 3.00 West Bay. 3.30 Takemethere. 4.00 Major's Law.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

1.30 HIMBLETON NOVICES SELLING HURDLE (£1,607: 2m) (12 runners)

1 4P64 TAPESTRY DANCER 54 (6) M Haynes 5-11-9 ..... M Perrett
2 0/0- ADAMAR 406 N Twiston-Davies 6-11-2 ..... D Bridgwater
3 5PPP ATHASSEL ABBEY 5 (B) Miss L Bower 7-11-2 ..... N Williamson
4 66 BANG ON TARGET 10 A Jarvis 5-11-2 ..... T Jarvis
5 40U BROWNSIDE BRIG 5 M Tompkins 8-11-2 ..... A Maguire
6 0031 COBB GATE 8 (6,6) B Stevens 5-11-2 ..... M Stevens (7)
7 IRISH VELVET 1438F R Frost 7-11-2 ..... J Frost
8 -0P0 MOYMET 14 (6) K Burke 7-11-2 ..... G McCourt
9 PP0 QUINSBERRY 7 R Pugh 6-10-11 ..... V Slattery (3)
10 6P0P SUKEY TAWDRY 14 (B) R Bennett 7-10-11 ..... W Ekenfield
11 4490 SUNLEY SPARKLE 15 D Sandaito 5-10-11 ..... A S Smith
12 3P5 JATHAAB 28 I Campbell 4-10-10 ..... R Campbell

13-8 Tapestry Dancer, 100-30 Jathaab, 9-2 Cobb Gate, 11-2 Moymet, 7-1 Sunley Sparkle, 20-1 others.

2.00 RHYDD NOVICES CHASE (£1,925: 2m 4f 110yd) (9)

1 0316 DRAGONS DEN 21 (D,6) S Sherwood 7-11-9 ..... J Osborne
2 514P MAN OF MYSTERY 14 (B,D,BF,6) N Twiston-Davies 7-11-8 C Llewellyn
3 1332 RAFIQ 26 (BF,6) Mrs J Retter 8-11-6 ..... R Dunwoody
4 03P6 BALLAD RULER 5 P Pritchard 7-11-3 ..... A Webb
5 634R BECTIVE BOY 11 (F) Miss L Bower 11-11-3 Mr C Barrett-Wallis (5)
6 4224 COUNTERBID 11 (B,F,6) J Edwards 6-11-3 ..... N Williamson
7 4406 MALVERNIAN 8 Mrs H Pennell 7-11-3 ..... D Leahy (5)
8 2-02 VAZON BAY 26 (D,D,BF,F) Mrs J Pitman 9-11-3 ..... M Pitman
9 00RP DAMCADA 28 D Wintle 5-10-12 ..... H Davies

5-2 Counterbid, 3-1 Dragons Den, Vazon Bay, 4-1 Man Of Mystery, 5-1 Rafiq, 14-1 Ballad Ruler, 20-1 others.

2.30 MADRESFIELD HANDICAP CHASE (£3,036: 2m 7f) (14)

1 1212 MUSTHAVEASWINS 21 (6) D Nicholson 7-12-0 ..... R Dunwoody
2 -540 TEAM CHALLENGE 37 (B,F,6,5) Mrs J Pitman 11-11-11 L O'Hara (7)
3 -22F BASILEA 7 (F,6,5) T Forster 10-11-4 ..... C Llewellyn
4 0123 DO BE BRIEF 49 (B,6,5) Maj J Pitman 8-11-4 ..... M Pitman
5 P-PP VIRIDIAN 250 (F,6,5) E Bevilacqua 9-10-13 ..... H Davies
6 32-0 CUILDWAY 26 (F,6) Mrs M Rimell 10-10-12 ... Mr M Rimell (7)
7 1024 KITTINGER 16 (F,6,5) P Hobbs 12-10-11 ..... Peter Hobbs
8 14F4 BEL COURSE 28 (C,F,6,5) J Webber 11-10-5 ..... R Bellamy
9 16PP RUSSELL ROVER 31 (6) B Ham 8-10-2 ..... C Maude
10 -PF0 DUMBRODY ABBEY 7 (C,F) T Forster 10-10-1 ..... N Hawke
11 3601 HEIGHT OF FUN 7 (B,F,5) C Pearson 9-10-0 ..... M A Fitzgerald
12 2105 THATS THE BUSINESS 23 (F) G Balding 9-10-0 ..... A Maguire
13 P2C0 SERGAT 14 (F) J Woods 8-10-0 ..... R Supple
14 60U3 VALASSY 23 (B,5) J Edwards 10-10-0 ..... W Williamson

3-1 Do Be Brief, 5-1 Height Of Fun, 11-2 Bel Course, 7-1 Kittinger, 8-1 Madresfield, That's The Business, 10-1 Basilea, 12-1 Team Challenge, 25-1 others.

3.00 BLAKEDOWN NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (Amateurs: £1,800: 2m 5f 110yd) (14)

1 1311U SULTAN'S SON 11 (F,6) J Upson 7-11-10 ..... T Byrne (7)
2 2415 KEV'S LASS 11 (C,5) F Murphy 5-11-6 ..... Paul Murphy (7)
3 PP32 FRANK RICH 22 S Sherwood 6-11-3 ..... J Durkan (3)
4 -PP0 MY PILOT 15 J Moore 9-11-2 ..... C Hamblin (7)
5 5422 AMPHIBIORY 10 (B,F) P Rodford 5-11-1 ..... Miss S Cobden (7)
6 /50 JOLLY JAUNT 49 M Wilkinson 8-10-12 ..... C Barrett-Wallis (5)
7 1525 DONNA'S TOKEN 14 (C,F,6) R Bowe 8-10-11 J L Llewellyn (7)
8 /061 YASLOU 10 (6) W Muir 6-10-5 ..... G Lewis (7)
9 64R3 HONEST FRED 11 (V) J Edwards 7-10-2 ..... T Jarvis (5)
10 2P05 WEST BAY 15 T Thomson Jones 7-10-0 ..... A Thornton (3)
11 0650 DOUBLE U DEE 15 H Haynes 10-10-0 ..... Y Mehmet (7)
12 05P I'M CURIOUS 14 R Thompson 4-10-0 ..... S A Oakley
13 P60P THE BUTLER 21 Miss D Baker 7-10-0 ..... Miss S Wallis (7)
14 003U SAINTHILLS SON 5 M Tate 8-10-0 ..... Miss S Higgins (7)

7-2 Kev's Lass, 9-2 Sultan's Son, Yaslou, 5-1 Amphibiory, 7-1 Frank Rich, 8-1 Honest Fred, 12-1 Donna's Token, 16-1 West Bay, 20-1 others.

3.30 RAMSDEN HANDICAP CHASE (£2,782: 2m 4f 110yd) (8)

1 1115 COPPER MINE 17 (D,F,6,5) D Sherwood 7-11-11 ..... J Osborne
2 1334 TAKEMETHERE 38 (D,F,6) M Pipe 9-11-1 ..... R Dunwoody
3 3P-F KINGS WILD 36 (C,D,F) A Jones 12-11-0 ..... H Davies
4 /350 ANDY BOY 5 (B,F) T Casey 9-10-0 ..... A Maguire
5 6232 UNEX-PLAINED 4 (D,B,5) M Channon 10-10-0 ... Lorna Vincent
6 3043 SLIPPERY MAX 8 (F,6) R Jackson 9-10-0 ..... D Skyrme
7 155P BILL AND COUP 14 (D,F,6) K Morgan 8-10-0 ..... A S Smith
8 332- TRY ME NOW 603 (D,F) Miss E England 7-10-0 ..... R Supple

11-4 Unex-Plained, 3-1 Takemethere, 7-2 Copper Mine, 6-1 Slippery Max, 7-1 Bill And Coup, 8-1 Try Me Now, 16-1 others.

4.00 STONEHALL HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,145: 2m) (12)

1 1-F6 ARABIAN BOLD 38 (D,6,5) N Henderson 5-12-0 Pat Thompson (7)
2 4031 FLYING SPEED 26 (D,F,6,5) M Pipe 5-11-11 .. Mr N Moore (7)
3 44P- ANTI MATTER 452 (D,F,6,5) Mrs J Retter 8-11-3 M A Fitzgerald
4 3215 MAJOR'S LAW 11 (D,6) I Campbell 4-10-4 ..... R Campbell
5 F6P0 MAGNUS PYM 17 (D,6,5) G Balding 8-10-2 ..... A Maguire
6 650B STRIDING EDGE 21 (V,D,F,6) J Jenkins 8-10-2 .... R Dunwoody
7 2124 VICTORY ANTHEM 50 (D,6) P Clarke 7-10-1 ..... J Lawrence
8 4/41 STEVEYVUL 8 (D,6) O O'Neill 9-10-1 ..... V Slattery (3)
9 1632 BAND OF HOPE 49 (D,BF,F,6,5) W Clay 6-10-0 ..... Diana Clay
10 0036 HD BONUS 15 (D,F) R Baker 9-10-0 ..... L Harvey
11 4200 SECRETARITOR 201 (D,F) P Evans 10-10-0 ..... B Clifford
12 P41/ RUBY DAWES 1095 (CD,6) D Wintle 7-10-0 ..... P McDermott

11-4 Flying Speed, 7-2 Major's Law, 4-1 Band Of Hope, Victory Anthem, 9-2 Steveyvul, 8-1 Striding Edge, 25-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 52 winners from 135 runners, 38.5%; D Sherwood, 23 from 67, 34.3%; F Murphy, 6 from 22, 27.3%; T Forster, 3 from 47, 17.0%.

JOCKEYS: A Maguire, 14 winners from 57 rides, 24.6%; J Osborne, 17 from 85, 20.0%; Diana Clay, 4 from 21, 19.0%; Peter Hobbs, 13 from 77, 16.9%; R Dunwoody, 35 from 231, 15.2%; G McCourt, 14 from 95, 14.7%.

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Talented to spark Dunlop double

By Richard Evans, Racing Correspondent

A PROFESSED absence of star-quality horses has not stopped John Dunlop from making the best start to a season in his 27 years as a trainer.

Twenty-two winners already sent out from his Arundel base have helped to compensate for the apparent lack of another Salsabil or Shadayid.

In the two classic trials staged at Lingfield today, Dunlop not only stands an excellent chance of adding to that impressive tally, but he may be pleasantly surprised to discover that he does, after all, have a star in the making.

Talented, to whom the trainer refers approvingly as a nice filly, has only run twice. The daughter of Bustino, who captured the Lingfield Derby Trial in 1974, broke her maiden on her seasonal debut at Sandown — where today's rival Dancing Prize was second — despite still looking inexperienced.

The Arundel filly should appreciate the extra one-and-a-half furlongs of today's Champagne Ruinart Oaks Trial and can win at the expense of Peter Chapple-Hyam's Oakmead, in what appears to be a below-standard classic trial.

Azzilfi, Dunlop's runner in the Alpine Double Glazing Derby Trial, could not have been more impressive when beating a field of well-regarded three-year-olds at Nottingham last month.

A son of the stayers' sire Ardross, Azzilfi has clearly inherited some of the speed from his dam, although the style of his success was in stark contrast to his normal work on the Arundel gallops.

"He certainly is not a star at home in the mornings. He is not a good worker and is very relaxed," Dunlop said yesterday.

Zind, still a maiden but with useful group form, should come on for his seasonal debut at Ascot ten days ago, but the main threat to the selection could come from Yeltsin. Henry Cecil's well-regarded runner stayed on strongly when third to Placerville in the Feilden Stakes, and will appreciate the longer distance.

Badie, once considered a classic prospect at Arundel, has failed to justify such high hopes but, following a confidence-boosting victory at Pontefract recently, he will be among the favourites to take the Somerset Conditions Stakes at Bath.

However, he may fail to cope with **Highland Dress**, a close relation of Opera House, who is fancied on his seasonal debut. Michael Stoute's lightly-raced four-year-old holds several group entries and is napped to take this on the road to greater glory.

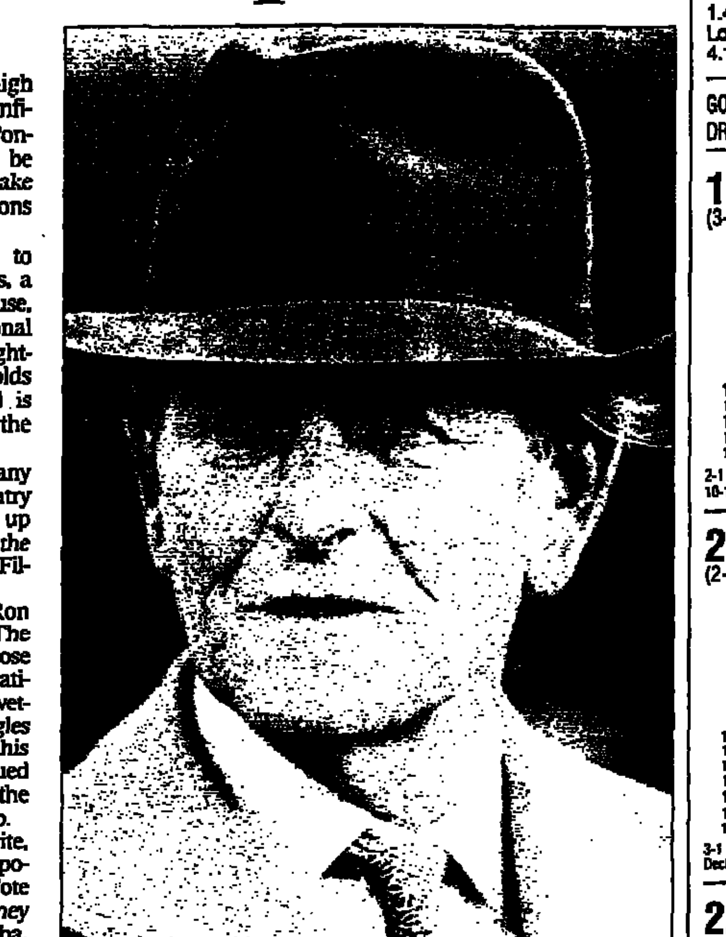
Stoute does not send many runners to the west country track and he can double up with **Princess Kris** in the opening Midford Maiden Fillies' Stakes.

By contrast, Bath is Ron Hodges's local track. The strike-rate of the dual-purpose trainer has increased dramatically since employing the veterinary talents of Brian Eagles earlier this year, and his winning run can be continued by **Fivesevenfiveo** in the James & Cowper Handicap.

☐ Tenby, the Derby favourite, faces just four possible opponents in Wednesday's Tote Dante Stakes at York. They are Planetary Aspect, Shaiba, Noyan and John Gosden's Taos, who must have good ground. The going is presently good to firm.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: HIGHLAND DRESS
(3.40 Bath)
Next best: Talented
(2.15 Lingfield)



Powerful hand: Dunlop is fancied to collect both classic trials on offer at Lingfield today

LINGFIELD PARK

THUNDERER

1.45 Another Jade. 2.15 Oakmead. 2.45 **YELTSIN** (nap). 3.15 Lady Sabo. 3.45 Erris Boy. 4.15 Arid. 4.45 Sarum. 5.15 Well Suited.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 1.45 Able Choice. 2.45 **YELTSIN** (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.15 QUICK STEEL.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (TURF); STANDARD (ALL-WEATHER) SIS
DRAW: 5F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

1.45 WILLIAM HILL MAY RATED HANDICAP BBC1
(3-Y-O: £6,628: 7f) (13 runners)

101 (1) 0513- RAKIS 190 (D) (H Al-Maktoum) C Benstead 9-7 ... W Carson 94
102 (3) 210-024 MULLITOVER 16 (D,BF,S) (Mrs D Mulley) M Heaton-Ellis 9-3 ... W R Swinburn 97
103 (7) 62644-3 JERVIA 25 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Watts 9-3 ... M Roberts 98
104 (9) 14026-0 TOP PET 14 (F) (Mrs A Valentine) R Akehurst 9-2 ... T Quinn 95
105 (8) 1245- MOON OVER MIAMI 196 (S) (B Ross) C James 8-12 ... J Reid 90
106 (11) 1324-30 NURYANDRA 26 (C,F) (P Oppenheimer) G Wragg 8-11 ... M Hills 92
107 (6) 1-52656 I'LLEAVEITOYOU 11 (C,G) (R Hawthorn) S Dow 8-11 ... C Rutter 91
108 (10) 43-42 ABLE CHOICE 9 (C LI) R Armstrong 8-9 ... L Piggott 96
109 (4) 06210-3 PAIR OF JACKS 23 (G) (R Dalton) W Muir 8-7 ... P Robinson 95
110 (12) 233-226 SECOND CHANCE 12 (S) (Down and Outs Racing) P Mitchell 8-7 ... W Newnes 94
111 (13) 00-2112 ANOTHER JADE 4 (BF,G,S) (Mrs R Kaplan) A Jarvis 8-7 ... B Doyle (5) 99
112 (2) 040231- ROYAL DEED 183 (G) (Racing Thoroughbreds Plc) P McEntee 8-7 ... J Weaver (3) 91
113 (5) 151-220 EXCESS BAGGAGE 8 (CD,G) (F Golding) N Callaghan 8-7 ... N Carlisle 96

Long handicap: Second Chance 8-6, Another Jade 8-4, Royal Deed 8-4, Excess Baggage 7-9.

BETTING: 9-2 Another Jade, 5-1 Jervia, 6-1 Able Choice, 7-1 Pair Of Jacks, 8-1 Mullitover, Top Pet, 12-1 Second Chance, 14-1 Nuryandra, Rakis, 16-1 Moon Over Miami, 25-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

MULLITOVER 6½l 4th of 7 to Abbey's Gal in Beverley (7f 110yd, good to soft) handicap. Previously short-head 2nd of 13 to Tychonic in Newmarket (7f, good) handicap on penultimate start with JERVIA (3lb better off) 2l 3rd. I'LLEAVEITOYOU 7½l 6th of 7 to Specified in Nottingham (6f, good to soft) stakes race. ABLE CHOICE neck 2nd of 7 to Easy Access in Newmarket (7f, good) handicap. PAIR OF JACKS 1¼l 3rd of 10 to Moon Strike in Newmarket (6f, good) handicap. ANOTHER JADE 1½l 2nd of 10 to Play Hever Golf in Chester (6f, good to firm) handicap. Previously beat SECOND CHANCE (5lb better off) 2l in 12-runner Brighton (6f, good) stakes race.
Selection: ANOTHER JADE

2.15 CHAMPAGNE RUINART OAKS TRIAL STAKES BBC1
(Listed race: 3-Y-O fillies: £10,282: 1m 3f 106yd) (6 runners)

201 (2) 35420-2 BOBBIE DEE 9 (BF) (Mrs N Duffield) D Elsworth 8-9 ... J Williams 98
202 (4) 01- BRIGHTSIDE 242 (G) (F Salman) P Cole 8-9 ... T Quinn 70
203 (3) 6-2 DANCING PRIZE 15 (Cheveley Park Stud) M Stoute 8-9 ... W R Swinburn 91
204 (5) 6-12 OAKMEAD 7 (G) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-9 ... J Reid 99
205 (6) PRINCESS DAVID (W Gredley) C Brittain 8-9 ... M Roberts —
206 (1) 4-1 TALENTED 15 (G) (P Goulandris) J Dunlop 8-9 ... W Carson 92

BETTING: 9-4 Oakmead, 11-4 Talented, 3-1 Dancing Prize, 5-1 Brightside, Princess David, 7-1 Bobbie Dee

1992: USER FRIENDLY 8-9 G Duffield (2-1 fav) C Brittain 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

BOBBIE DEE 5l 2nd of 6 to Sovial Line in Salisbury (1m 2f, good) stakes race. BRIGHTSIDE beat Pearly Mist 4l in 10-runner Leicester (1m, good) maiden. OAKMEAD 3½l 2nd of 5 to Commander in Chief in Newmarket (1m 4f, good) stakes race. Previously beat Halham Tarn 2½l in 10-runner Newmarket (1m 4f, good) maiden. TALENTED beat DANCING PRIZE neck in 15-runner Sandown (1m 2f, good) maiden.
Selection: TALENTED

2.45 ALPINE DOUBLE GLAZING DERBY TRIAL STAKES BBC1
(Group III: 3-Y-O: £33,836: 1m 3f 106yd) (9 runners)

301 (2) 21-1 AZZILFI 26 (G,S) (Prince A Faisal) J Dunlop 9-0 ... W Carson 98
302 (6) 301- BEAUMAN 225 (S) (Mrs B Facchino) B McMahon 9-0 ... M Hills 72
303 (9) 5411- BOB'S RETURN 189 (F,G) (Mrs G Smith) M Tompkins 9-0 ... P Robinson 92
304 (1) 02 FABULOUS MTOTO 9 (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) D Elsworth 9-0 ... J Williams 74
305 (3) 154212- GEISWAY 224 (F,G) (P Green) R Hannon 9-0 ... L Piggott 99
306 (5) 22-1 SHAREEK 14 (G) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 9-0 ... W R Swinburn 74
307 (7) 1214-41 TIOMAN ISLAND 10 (F,G) (H H Sultan Ahmad Shah) P Cole 9-0 ... T Quinn 97
308 (8) 61-3 YELTSIN 23 (S) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-0 ... M Roberts 95
309 (4) 4203-2 ZIND 10 (F Kalla) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 ... J Reid 95

BETTING: 5-2 Yeltsin, 3-1 Azzilfi, 4-1 Tioman Island, 9-2 Geisway, 13-2 Zind, Shareek, 10-1 Bob's Return, 12-1 others.

1992: ASSESSOR 9-0 W R Swinburn (9-4) R Hannon 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

AZZILFI beat Burooj 2l in 7-runner Nottingham (1m 2f, good) stakes race. BEAUMAN beat Arc Bright 4l in 9-runner Haydock (1m, good to soft) maiden. BOB'S RETURN beat Bobbie Dee ¾l in 3-runner Newmarket (1m 2f, good) listed race. FABULOUS MTOTO neck 2nd of 14 to Top Cees in Salisbury (1m good) maiden. GEISWAY ½l 2nd of 10 to Desert Secret in group II Royal Lodge Stakes at Ascot (1m, soft). SHAREEK beat Rafters ½l in 18-runner Leicester (1m 2f, good) maiden. TIOMAN ISLAND beat ZIND (2lb worse off) 1½l in 5-runner Ascot (1m 2f, good) stakes race. YELTSIN 1l 3rd of 9 to Placerville in Newmarket (1m 1f, good) listed race with TIOMAN ISLAND (3lb better off) 1½l 4th. ZIND 10l 3rd of 10 to Armiger in group I Racing Post Trophy at Doncaster (1m, good to soft) on penultimate start.
Selection: TIOMAN ISLAND (nap)

3.15 MAXIMS CLUB HANDICAP (£3,552: 6f) (13 runners)

401 (6) 0-00000 MASMUN 19 (CD,F,G,S) (I Page) R O'Sullivan 8-9-12 ... J Weaver (3) 94
402 (4) 500050- SYLVAN BREEZE 161 (V) (Mrs R Johnson) P Mitchell 5-9-9 ... W Newnes 95
403 (9) 20602-0 ACROSS THE BAY 8 (V,CD,F,G,S) (J Redmond) S Dow 6-9-8 ... W R Swinburn 91
404 (13) 0005-60 TRUTHFUL IMAGE 14 (B,D,F,G) (P Aron) M Ryan 4-9-6 ... D Biggs 97
405 (2) 100-000 HARDLINER 14 (CD,F) (J Gosling) C Wall 4-9-4 ... P Robinson 95
406 (8) 0004-40 LADY SABO 22 (D,F) (Crook Racing Ltd) G Lewis 4-9-1 ... D Harrison (3) 93
407 (1) 0-40410 HARRY'S COMING 19 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs D Wetherall) R Hodges 9-9-0 ... C Rutter 95
408 (3) 224000- WHERE'S THE DANCE 220 (Mrs J Costelloe) C Brittain 3-8-11 ... M Roberts 89
409 (5) 2052-02 FACE NORTH 9 (F,G) (Normandy Developments) R Akehurst 5-8-10 ... T Quinn 93
410 (11) 204-002 QUICK STEEL 9 (D,BF,G,S) (Quicksteel Ltd) T McGovern 5-8-6 ... S Malvey (7) 99
411 (7) 30000-4 YES 7 (D,G,S) (W Coleman) D Thom 5-8-5 ... Kim McDonnell (7) 95
412 (12) 035060- GALLANT HOPE 207 (D,F,G) (Mrs N Duffield) L Cottrell 11-8-4 ... N Carlisle 90
413 (10) 600-435 GREAT HALL 9 (B,CD,G) (P Cundell) P Cundell 4-7-11 ... A Mackay 93

BETTING: 11-4 Face North, 4-1 Quick Steel, 13-2 Yes, 8-1 Great Hall, Truthful Image, Across The Bay, 10-1 Harry's Coming, Where's The Dance, 12-1 others.

1992: BOLD LEZ 5-10-0 S Cauthen (12-1) M Haynes 14 ran

3.45 OVERTONS RESTAURANTS SELLING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,640: 5f) (15 runners)

501 (12) BERKELEY HERO (A Green) R Hoad 8-11 ... P Robinson —
502 (15) EL COHETE (Mrs D Bazley) A Jarvis 8-11 ... B Doyle (5) —
503 (7) 4 ENTENTE CORDIALE 26 (Mrs J Muir) W Muir 8-11 ... W Carson 83
504 (1) 00 ERRIS BOY 8 (J Ruddy) R Williams 8-11 ... M Hills 96
505 (8) 0 INDIAN CASTLE 11 (NTC Ltd) B Meehan 8-11 ... J Reid —
506 (13) SULLAMELL (R Hodges) R Hodges 8-11 ... C Rutter —
507 (10) 10 BEV'S FOLLY 12 (B,D,G) (A Reid) A Reid 8-6 ... J Weaver (3) 94
508 (2) CHARISMA GIRL (S Dow) S Dow 8-6 ... T Quinn —
509 (4) 66 FOREVER BLUSHING 18 (Miss M Bryant) P Butler 8-6 ... D McCabe (7) 79
510 (5) 0 GRANMAS DELIGHT 26 (F Lipscomb) K Ivory 8-6 ... M Roberts —
511 (6) 0 KISS NO TELL 40 (G Pritchard-Gordon) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-6 ... D Harrison (3) —
512 (9) 2 LITTLE EMMELINE 18 (J Morrish) L Cottrell 8-6 ... N Carlisle 98
513 (3) MARTIAN FOREST (C Cowford) M Channon 8-6 ... J Williams —
514 (14) MISS IGLOO (Seasmerdown Ltd) C James 8-6 ... W Newnes —
515 (11) 2260 RISKIE THINGS 12 (T Pasquale) J Moore 8-6 ... Mark Denaro (7) 99

BETTING: 5-2 Little Emmeline, 3-1 Bev's Folly, 4-1 Entente Cordiale, 11-2 Martian Forest, 7-1 others.

1992: HOLIDAY DANCER 8-6 R Cochrane (11-2) R Williams 16 ran

4.15 EUROPHARM GROUP MAIDEN STAKES
(Div I: 3-Y-O: £3,348: 7f) (14 runners)

601 (7) 50 ARID 9 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0 ... M Roberts 88
602 (9) 2-2 CASTEL ROSSELO 12 (BF) (P Oppenheimer) G Wragg 9-0 ... M Hills 83
603 (2) CATEMPO (The Magnificent Seven) S Dow 9-0 ... C Rutter —
604 (1) 0 DAWALIB 9 (H Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 9-0 ... W Carson 88
605 (5) 0 ELEGANT HUSSAR 24 (Lady Kennard) C Brittain 9-0 ... B Doyle (5) —
606 (8) 3-202 GRAN SENORUM 17 (F Salman) P Cole 9-0 ... T Quinn 98
607 (10) 0 HARD ROCK MINER 9 (Coach House Racing) T McGovern 9-0 ... S Malvey (7) —
608 (6) 04 MARAT 18 (H Shepherd) J Jenkins 9-0 ... W Newnes 77
609 (12) 3 SO INTREPID 28 (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 9-0 ... W R Swinburn 99
610 (4) 2-2 THE LITTLE FERRET 6 (BF) (K Higson) R Hannon 9-0 ... S Raymont 97
611 (3) 6000 VADDALLIAN 25 (A Scheveren) J Akehurst 9-0 ... J Williams —
612 (11) 3540-03 WALNUT BURL 18 (G Steinberg) L Holt 9-0 ... J Reid 79
613 (13) 0 WOODMANS STAR 19 (Mrs E Sheehan) D Shaw 9-0 ... K Rutter (5) —
614 (14) 0- TASSAGH BRIDGE 180 (S Gollogly) J Payne 8-9 ... M Fenton (5) —

BETTING: 5-2 So Intrepid, 7-2 The Little Ferret, 4-1 Castel Rosselo, 11-2 Gran Senorum, 8-1 Arid, 10-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

4.45 TEENOSO HANDICAP (All-weather: £3,114: 1m) (5 runners)

1 (2) 00/2225- GRAND GUIGNOL 373 (G) (Mollers Racing) G Wragg 5-10-0 ... M Hills 87
2 (5) 040-000 SYLVAN SABRE 9 (V,F,S) (W Gotthwaite) P Mitchell 4-9-4 ... W Newnes 98
3 (1) 5-12223 BUDDY'S FRIEND 5 (CD,F,G) (C Booth) R Williams 5-8-9 ... D Biggs 99
4 (4) 256200 SARUM 9 (CD,F,G) (W Wildman) C Wildman 7-8-9 ... C Rutter 89
5 (3) 45300-5 MISSY-S 30 (CD,G) (Mrs S Goodman) G Pritchard-Gordon 4-8-4 ... D Harrison (3) 87

BETTING: 2-1 Buddy's Friend, 5-2 Missy-S, 4-1 Grand Guignol, Sarum, 11-2 Sylvan Sabre.

1992: SAREEN EXPRESS 4-7-10 A Tucker (9-1) Mrs J Dawe 6 ran

5.15 EUROPHARM GROUP MAIDEN STAKES
(Div II: 3-Y-O: £3,348: 7f) (13 runners)

1 (8) 0 BLOWING 3 (G Harwood) G Harwood 9-0 ... Gaye Harwood (7) —
2 (3) FRIDON ACADEMY (K Higson) G Moore 9-0 ... Candy Morris —
3 (4) 0 FULL FEATHER 23 (A Speelman) J Gosden 9-0 ... G Hind —
4 (10) IMPLICIT (H J Baker) Mrs J Cecil 9-0 ... P Robinson —
5 (11) 222-3 NAFUTH 25 (BF) (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 9-0 ... W Carson 99
6 (5) RUPERT'S REVENGE (G Cooper) J Payne 9-0 ... W Hood —
7 (1) 0 SCENT OF POWER 25 (G Eden) G Eden 9-0 ... C Dwyer 81
8 (2) 40 SLEEPTITE 32 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 9-0 ... D Biggs 74
9 (9) 5- WELL SUITED 353 (A Merritt) R Hannon 9-0 ... J Reid 84
10 (13) 0 ARRASAS LADY 21 (Mrs O Foster) J Long 8-9 ... R Price 85
11 (6) MISS COPYFORCE (Copyforce Ltd) Miss B Sanders 8-9 ... W Newnes —
12 (7) 0 MISS MICHELLE 21 (T Bowser) S Mellor 8-9 ... D Harrison (3) —
13 (12) 53-23 SAXON MAGIC 12 (BF) (P Bennett) J Bennett 8-9 ... J Williams 83

BETTING: 8-13 Nafuth, 7-2 Implicit, 6-1 Full Feather, 7-1 Well Suited, 12-1 Sleeptite, 14-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
H Cecil	11	36	30.6	W Carson	23	96	24.0
P Cole	18	73	24.7	M Hills	12	55	21.8
N Callaghan	7	29	24.1	J Reid	23	118	19.5
M Stoute	10	44	22.7	W R Swinburn	12	64	18.8
G Harwood	14	62	22.6	M Roberts	21	132	15.9
L Cottrell	3	14	21.4	T Quinn	24	154	15.6



TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

LINGFIELD PARK
BBC1

1.45: Jervia and Mullitover are closely matched on their recent Newmarket clash. Able Choice narrowly failed to catch Easy Access last time. However, that Newmarket effort suggested he would be suited by further than seven furlongs. Conditions are right for **Another Jade**, who chased home the well-handicapped Play Hever Golf at Chester on Tuesday. She can make amends today.

2.15: Dancing Prize can avenge her neck defeat by Talented. The Sadler's Wells filly is sure to improve significantly for her Sandown effort. She was the lesser fancied of Michael Stoute's two runners and the extra two furlongs are right up her street. Talented comfortably holds Oakmead on their Nottingham clash last season, while Brightside is not certain to last home.

2.45: There is little between Zind, Tioman Island and Yeltsin on this season's form. Of this trio, Zind, who is sure to come on for his Ascot run, may prove best. Geisway was a different horse when given a test of stamina last year and has obvious claims, but **Azzilfi** is preferred. This Ardross colt has been brought along steadily and looks ready for today's step up in class.

Julian Muscat

Racing next week

MONDAY: Redcar, Southwell, †Windsor.
TUESDAY: York, Chepstow, †Folkestone, †Towcester.
WEDNESDAY: York, †Kempton, Hereford, †Perth, Southwell.
THURSDAY: York, Brighton, Perth, †Huntingdon, †Newton Abbot.
FRIDAY: Newbury, Thirsk, Sedgefield, †Stratford.
SATURDAY: Newbury, Thirsk, Southwell, †Hamilton, †Lingfield Park, Bangor.

(Flat meetings in bold)
† denotes evening meeting

BATH

THUNDERER

1.40 I'm Yours. 2.10 Frankly My Dear. 2.40 Bells Of Longwick. 3.10 Fight To Win. 3.40 Source Of Light. 4.10 Hostile Witness. 4.40 Prince Songline.

GOING: FIRM SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

1.40 MIDFORD MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,582: 1m 5yd) (14 runners)

1 0-5 BRONZE MAQUETTE 7 P Cole 8-11 ... T G McLaughlin (7) 14
2 0 CLANDESTINE AFFAIR 21 J Hills 8-11 ... S Dawson 13
3 350- I'M YOURS 208 R Hannon 8-11 ... A McGlone 1
4 500- IS SHE QUICK 247 Mrs J Dawe 8-11 ... R Perham 6
5 00-0 LEGAL RISK 25 (V) D Haydn Jones 8-11 ... S Whitworth 3
6 MY MINNIE R Hodges 8-11 ... S Drowne (7) 4
7 0-4 OCARA 33 (BF) D Loder 8-11 ... M Tebbutt 10
8 5-3 PRINCESS KRIS 14 M Stoute 8-11 ... Pat Eddery 12
9 00 SAKURA QUEEN 24 S Woods 8-11 ... W Woods 7
10 0 SENCINI 18 T Naughton 8-11 ... A Munro 2
11 00- SHALHOLME 236 P Murphy 8-11 ... N Adams 8
12 SUEENA R Hodges 8-11 ... T Sprake 11
13 00-0 SUPPER WITH SUSIE 5 D Wilson 8-11 ... M Wigham 5
14 34- SUSQUEHANNA DAYS 224 I Balding 8-11 ... R Cochrane 9

2-1 Princess Kris, 7-2 Susquehanna Days, 9-2 Bronze Maquette, 8-1 I'M Yours, 10-1 Ocara, 14-1 Legal Risk, Clandestine Affair, 16-1 others.

2.10 PULTENEY MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,833: 5f 11yd) (16)

1 ARABOYBILL B Palling 9-0 ... R Perham 6
2 2 CHICKAWICKA 25 B Millman 9-0 ... S Whitworth 4
3 6 FRANKLY MY DEAR 23 R Boss 9-0 ... R Cochrane 10
4 MR MYSTICAL J Moore 9-0 ... B Rouse 2
5 40 OBVIOUS RISK 14 R Hannon 9-0 ... A McGlone 5
6 0 PRIMOST 25 M Williams 9-0 ... S Dawson 15
7 ROBELLION D Arbuthnot 9-0 ... R Price 13
8 EMMA GRIMES M Muggeridge 8-9 ... A Munro 3
9 34 GIGUE 12 M Channon 8-9 ... Pat Eddery 1
10 MISS TRIANGLE M Channon 8-9 ... G Bardwell 11
11 0 PETITE BIJOU 30 R Brotherton 8-9 ... W Woods 9
12 RITA'S JOY W G M Turner 8-9 ... T Sprake 16
13 STAR SPEEDER G Lewis 8-9 ... B Russell (7) 9
14 SUPPRESSION (B) M Usher 8-9 ... N Adams 12
15 5 SWEET DECISION 25 M Williams 8-9 ... M Wigham 14
16 WHITCHURCH SILK G Balding 8-9 ... M Tebbutt 7

3-1 Gigue, 4-1 Chickawicka, 6-1 Frankly My Dear, 7-1 Miss Triangle, 8-1 Sweet Decision, 10-1 Obvious Risk, 12-1 Star Speeder, 14-1 others.

2.40 JAMES & COWPER HANDICAP
(£4,760: 5f 11yd) (14)

1 50-6 TERRHARS 22 (D,BF,F,G) M Heaton-Ellis 5-10-0 ... R Perham 1
2 310- GONE SAVAGE 182 (D,F,G,S) G Balding 5-10-0 ... Pat Eddery 5
3 000- EL YASAF 194 (D,G,S) T Naughton 5-9-7 ... B Rouse 14
4 6-00 HOW'S YER FATHER 11 (D,F,G,S) R Hodges 7-9-4 T Sprake 11
5 33-0 PALEY PRINCE 15 (D,F,G) M Usher 7-9-0 ... R Cochrane 12
6 0-34 BELLS OF LONGWICK 11 (CD,F,S) D Laing 4-8-12 T Williams 10
7 200- FIVESEVENFIVEO 198 (CD,F,G) R Hodges 5-8-9 S Drowne (7) 3
8 10-3 SIMPLY SOOTY 14 (CD,BF,S) B Millman 3-8-9 ... S Whitworth 8
9 100- HEAVENLY RISK 232 (S) R Hannon 3-8-8 ... A McGlone 4
10 2156 LOVE LEGEND 15 (V,D,F,G) D Arbuthnot 8-8-8 ... A Munro 9
11 2110 MOON STRIKE 7 (D,BF,F,G) W O'Gorman 3-8-6 ... Emma O'Gorman (3) 7
12 00-0 CEE-EN-CEE 11 (V,CD,F,G,S) Mrs M McCourt 9-8-4 ... A Tucker (3) 6
13 0510 SAMSOLOM 14 (D,F,G) P Howling 5-8-2 ... D Wright (7) 13
14 13-3 SIR JOEY 11 (D,S) P Murphy 4-8-1 ... N Adams 2

9-2 Moon Strike, 5-1 Simply Sooty, 6-1 Bells Of Longwick, 8-1 Terrhars, How's Yer Father, 10-1 Fivesevenfiveo, Love Legend, Sir Joey, 14-1 others.

3.10 BOX HANDICAP (£3,521: 2m 1f 34yd) (17)

1 00-0 CHUCKLESTONE 19 (CD,F,G) J King 10-9-13 ... Pat Eddery 6
2 43/0- FIGHT TO WIN 15J (V) I Balding 5-9-8 ... R Cochrane 13
3 200- BRIGGSMAID 222 (F,G) J Eustace 5-9-7 ... M Tebbutt 10
4 35/ OLD STEINE 65J P Hobbs 5-9-5 ... A McGlone 4
5 36-0 TEMPELHOF 18 (F) Miss J Doyle 4-9-1 ... R Perham 14
6 50-6 SMILINGATSTRANGERS 18 (V,F,G) Mrs B Waring 5-9-0 ... G Bardwell 5
7 00/0/ SURCOAT 37J (F,G) R Baker 6-8-13 ... T Williams 3
8 215/1 PHARDAH'S GUEST 42 (F) N Twiston-Davies 6-8-13 ... M Wigham 11
9 05-0 PATROCLUS 32 (CD,F,G,S) R Voorspuy 8-8-12 ... S Dawson 12
10 0-63 PEAK DISTRICT 11 (G) R Lee 7-8-11 ... B Rouse 1
11 6-00 HYMN BOOK 25 R Manning 4-8-9 ... S Drowne (7) 2
12 6-44 JANISKI 28 (V,F,G) Mrs B Waring 10-8-9 ... D Wright (7) 7
13 3-32 CITY LINE 22 (C,F) D Laing 4-8-9 ... A Tucker (3) 8
14 /040- TEL E THON 8J (B,F) P Jones 6-8-6 ... T Sprake 17
15 00-5 FORGE 18 K Cunningham-Brown 5-8-2 ... J Comber 16
16 0304 PERFORATE 7 (G) R Baker 4-7-11 ... A Munro 9
17 /500- CASIENNE 15J P Murphy 5-7-7 ... N Adams 15

5-1 Pharoah's Guest, 6-1 City Line, Perforate, 7-1 Chucklestone, 8-1 Fight To Win, 10-1 Briggsmaid, 12-1 Janiski, Smilingatstrangers, 14-1 others.

3.40 SOMERSET CONDITIONS STAKES
(£3,348: 1m 3f 144yd) (7)

1 136- SOURCE OF LIGHT 281 (C,F) R Charlton 4-9-2 ... Pat Eddery 3
2 005-1 BADIE 12 (F,S) J Dunlop 4-8-13 ... R Cochrane 6
3 144- HIGHLAND DRESS 182 (S) M Stoute 4-8-12 ... A Munro 2
4 0-00 BRESIL 7 A Jarvis 4-8-10 ... S Whitworth 7
5 0 CHAPEL OF BARRAS 14 P Hobbs 4-8-10 ... A McGlone 1
6 400- HAROLDON 266 (G) B Palling 4-8-10 ... M Tebbutt 5
7 2/0- JADIDH 28J Mrs J Dawe 5-8-5 ... G Bardwell 4

7-4 Badie, 2-1 Highland Dress, 5-2 Source Of Light, 10-1 Haroldon, 16-1 others.

4.10 RADSTOCK RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,465: 1m 2f 46yd) (12)

1 006- BELL LAD 273 C Smith 9-0 ... M Wigham 11
2 -246 BILJAN 12 P Cole 9-0 ... T G McLaughlin (7) 9
3 006- EUPHONIC 215 I Balding 9-0 ... R Cochrane 12
4 6-22 GRAND APPLAUSE 5 R Simpson 9-0 ... S Whitworth 2
5 3324 HALHAM TARN 12 D Elsworth 9-0 ... A Procter (5) 4
6 04-6 HATTA RIVER 26 W Hern 9-0 ... A McGlone 6
7 -433 HOSTILE WITNESS 21 R Hannon 9-0 ... Pat Eddery 1
8 26-3 MANILA BAY 23 M Bell 9-0 ... A Munro 8
9 20-6 MIDYAN BLUE 9 J Eustace 9-0 ... M Tebbutt 10
10 600- WAR REQUIEM 137 G Balding 9-0 ... N Adams 3
11 60-0 WORKING TITLE 11 J Hills 9-0 ... B Rouse 7
12 006- SO SAUCY 229 B Meehan 8-9 ... R Perham 5

9-4 Halham Tarn, 7-2 Grand Applause, 5-1 Hostile Witness, 7-1 Manila Bay, 10-1 Biljan, 12-1 Euphonic, 14-1 Hatta River, 16-1 others.

4.40 CHAPEL FARM HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,202: 5f 161yd) (16)

1 -010 CHAMPAGNE GRANDY 12 (D,BF,G) M Channon 9-7 ... Pat Eddery 15
2 000- HALLORINA 231 (D,F,G) W Wightman 9-2 ... G Bardwell 3
3 4322 GOOD IMAGE 40 A Jarvis 9-1 ... S Whitworth 9
4 4001 AIR COMMAND 11 (C,G) R Hodges 8-12 ... S Drowne (7) 12
5 0-61 BURISHKI 9 (D,G,S) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-11 ... D Wright (7) 10
6 40-0 AGIL'S PET 19 J Sutcliffe 8-11 ... B Rouse 5
7 050- SUI GENERIS 242 M McCormack 8-9 ... R Perham 6
8 00-0 KENSWORTH LADY 32 M Blanchard 8-7 ... A Tucker (3) 16
9 500- DELAY NO MORE 239 P Mitchell 8-6 ... S O'Gorman 7
10 000- PAT POINDESTRES 144 (D,G) M Dixon 8-5 N Gwilliams (5) 14
11 6-50 PRINCE SONGLINE 19 R Boss 8-5 ... R Cochrane 1
12 00-6 MY FOXY LADY 26 D Haydn Jones 8-4 ... T Sprake 8
13 6-55 KAFIOCA 2 (B) B Meehan 8-4 ... A McGlone 2
14 0010 BUCKSKI ECHO 11 (D,S) T Jones 8-3 ... S Dawson 4
15 000- FIR COPSE 231 L Holt 8-2 ... A Munro 13
16 0-00 IMONDER 7 M Usher 7-10 ... N Adams 11

5-1 Air Command, 6-1 Burishki, 7-1 Good Image, 8-1 Champagne Grandy, Kensworth Lady, 10-1 Hallorina, 12-1 Kafioca, 14-1 others.

BEVERLEY

THUNDERER

2.20 Dances With Gold. 2.50 White Muzzle. 3.20 MCA Below The Line. 3.50 Self Expression. 4.20 Marius. 4.50 Hali. 5.20 Ttyfran.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.50 Saint Keyne.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.20 KIPLINGCOTE SELLING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,646: 1m 1f 207yd) (14 runners)

1 0500 ASTRAC TRIO 16 (V,G) S Norton 9-7 ... K Darley 6
2 -133 PALACEGATE SUNSET 16 (V,BF,S) J Berry 9-7 ... J Carroll 5
3 6264 ANN HILL 26 (D,B) R Hollinshead 9-2 ... S Perks 3
4 0-00 ESERIE DE CORES 8 C Weedon 9-0 ... C Hodgson (5) 8
5 3-0 EVERGREEN TANGO 15 M Johnston 9-0 ... Paul Eddery 11
6 250- HO-JOE 234 J Carr 9-0 ... K Fallon 12
7 0-00 KENTUCKY DREAMS 38 (F) Ronald Thompson 9-0 D Pears (5) 7
8 0-23 MAASTRICHT 8 W Haggas 9-0 ... G Duffield 14
9 MARSHALL PINDARI T Bill 9-0 ... D Holland 10
10 00-0 WILD EXPRESSION 12 (V) C Tinkler 9-0 ... M Birch 2
11 5546 BARLEY CAKE 5 T Fairhurst 8-9 ... J Fanning 4
12 0-0 CHAJOTHELYTBRIGADE 7 M Avison 8-9 ... Stephen Davies (5) 9
13 -252 DANCES WITH GOLD 9 (BF) M Johnston 8-9 Dean McKeown 1
14 0-03 SUMMERS DREAM 35 B Richmond 8-9 ... G Carter 13

2-1 Maastricht, 5-2 Dances With Gold, 5-1 Palacegate Sunset, 7-1 Ann Hill, Summers Dream, 14-1 Astrac Trio, 16-1 Evergreen Tango, 20-1 others.

2.50 YORKSHIRE TELEVISION CONDITIONS STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,143: 1m 3f 216yd) (6)

1 3-11 WHITE MUZZLE 17 (D,G,S) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 ... Stephen Davies (5) 1
2 3-14 MARCO MAGNIFICO 21 (G) B Hills 8-10 ... D Holland 4
3 21 CUMBRIAN RHAPSODY 7 (D,G) M H Easterby 8-7 ... M Birch 2
4 1 LAVENDER COTTAGE 24 (S) G Wragg 8-7 ... Paul Eddery 3
5 3 SAINT KEYNE 22 H Cecil 8-7 ... W Ryan 5
6 26-5 SPRING TO ACTION 22 I Balding 8-7 ... G Carter 6

6-4 White Muzzle, 11-4 Saint Keyne, 3-1 Spring To Action, 6-1 Cumbrian Rhapsody, 8-1 Lavender Cottage, 12-1 Marco Magnifico.

3.20 HYPAC HANDICAP (£4,889: 7f 100yd) (8)

1 0120 GOLDEN CHIP 7 (CD,F,G) A Stringer 5-10-0 ... K Darley 3
2 05-0 JAHANGIR 14 (G,S) B Hanbury 4-9-8 ... B Raymond 4
3 2-10 DUNE RIVER 6 (D,G) D Loder 4-9-7 ... G Carter 1
4 1205 PRETONIC 5 (C,F,G) M Johnston 5-9-2 ... Dean McKeown 2
5 -414 ROUND BY THE RIVER 61 (CD,F,G,S) W Haigh 4-9-2 ... Dale Gibson 5
6 2005 RURAL LAD 8 (D,G,S) R Spicer 4-8-11 ... D Holland 7
7 65-2 MCA BELOW THE LINE 38 (V,D,F,G) W Barker 5-8-9 ... O Pears (5) 6
8 0500 SCOTTISH PARK 22 (CD,F) M Hammond 4-8-9 ... G Duffield 8

5-2 Pretonic, 3-1 MCA Below The Line, 7-2 Golden Chip, 5-1 Dune River, 7-1 Round By The River, 10-1 Jahangir, 16-1 Scottish Park, 20-1 Rural Lad.

3.50 RAPID LAD HANDICAP
(£4,737: 1m 1f 207yd) (15)

1 310/ ZAMANAYN 7J (D,G) J Upson 5-10-0 ... M Birch 1
2 2-30 COMMON COUNCIL 21 (F,G) M Hammond 4-9-5 ... G Duffield 6
3 3-21 JAZILAH 19 (D,F,B) Mrs M Reveley 5-9-4 ... W Ryan 8
4 -010 BLACKPATCH HILL 10 (BF,G) J Dunlop 4-8-11 ... K Darley 13
5 -111 ROMOLA NIJINSKY 9 (CD,S) P Evans 5-8-9 ... D Holland 10
6 1/0- ZEPPEKI 396 (F,G) M Hammond 5-8-9 ... J Carroll 5
7 -000 SELF EXPRESSION 7 (C,D,F,G) Mrs J Ramsden 5-8-8 K Fallon 12
8 5-13 SUPERTOP 24 (CD,G) P Harris 5-8-8 ... Paul Eddery 11
9 0415 WESTFIELD MOVES 19 (C,D,F,G) H Collingridge 5-8-7 J Quinn 9
10 2330 SUGEMAR 16 (F,G) M Chapman 7-8-5 ... N Connorton 4
11 5-05 TOUCH ABOVE 11 (CD,F) T Barron 7-7-11 ... G Carter 2
12 00-0 SPRAY OF ORCHIDS 24 (D,G,S) J Etherington 4-7-11 ... F Norton 14
13 40-0 ROYAL COMEDIAN 16 B Murray 4-7-9 ... Dale Gibson 3
14 3210 RED INDIAN 24 (CD,F,G) W Haigh 7-7-7 ... J Fanning 15
15 -022 SHARQUIN 35 (D,F,G) M Brittain 6-7-7 ... J Lowe 7

5-2 Romola Nijinsky, 3-1 Jazilah, 11-2 Blackpatch Hill, 8-1 Supertop, Westfield Moves, 10-1 Common Council, Sharquin, 12-1 Self Expression, 14-1 others.

4.20 CROWN FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,720: 1m 1f 207yd) (7)

1 0-22 HE'S A KING 16 J Dunlop 9-7 ... W Ryan 4
2 00-0 NEMEA 28 J Fanshawe 9-4 ... G Carter 3
3 41-0 MARIUS 22 (C,BF,G,S) B Hills 9-4 ... D Holland 5
4 0-40 MONDRAGON 28 Mrs M Reveley 8-13 ... K Darley 2
5 00-2 MISSA BREVIS 23 J Watts 8-7 ... G Duffield 6
6 0-02 NOMADIC FIRE 16 D Morley 8-3 ... Paul Eddery 7
7 0-05 HAZARD A GUESS 14 Mrs J Ramsden 7-9 ... J Lowe 1

7-4 He's A King, 7-2 Marius, 4-1 Missa Brevis, 5-1 Nemea, 8-1 Mondragon, 14-1 Nomadic Fire, 16-1 Hazard A Guess

4.50 LEVY BOARD MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,054: 5f) (9)

1 BROUGHTONS PARTNER W Musson 9-0 ... J Quinn 3
2 BURRINGHAM BOY Mrs V Aconley 9-0 ... D Pears (5) 5
3 3 HALI 14 Mrs N Macauley 9-0 ... F Norton 1
4 NEZ CARRERA R Whitaker 9-0 ... A Culhane 6
5 45 SWEETINGS PISCES 14 M H Easterby 9-0 ... M Birch 4
6 LEGATEE J Etherington 8-9 ... K Darley 8
7 OVIDEO J Watts 8-9 ... G Duffield 2
8 2200 PORTITE SOPHIE 4 M Brittain 8-9 ... J Lowe 9
9 5 TILQUHILLIE ROSE 22 M W Easterby 8-9 ... T Lucas 7

11-8 Hali, 4-1 Portite Sophie, 5-1 Ovideo, 7-1 Tilquhillie Rose, 8-1 others.

5.20 WILLIAM HILL HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,261: 7f 100yd) (12)

1 32-0 SOPHISTICATED AIR 25 (BF) I Balding 9-7 ... G Carter 11
2 -232 PEEDIE PEAT 19 (B,BF) J J O'Neill 9-5 ... K Darley 4
3 0-52 FESTIN 21 (B) P Haslam 9-4 ... Dale Gibson 12
4 -440 HEATHYARDS GEM 16 (C,G) R Hollinshead 9-3 ... S Perks 5
5 0-00 MUHTASHIM 18 J Dunlop 9-1 ... W Ryan 1
6 0-40 TTYFRAN 14 F Lee 8-13 ... B Raymond 3
7 4-31 NORTH ARDAR 12 (D,G) M Johnston 8-10 ... Dean McKeown 7
8 1101 BRACKENTHWAITE 12 (G) T Barron 8-9 ... V Halliday (7) 2
9 61-0 NORTHERN CHIEF 14 (S) M H Easterby 8-8 ... J Carroll 8
10 000- WHO'S TOM 189 W Musson 8-5 ... J Quinn 10
11 -500 GATE OF HEAVEN 22 R Spicer 7-7 ... Darren Moffatt (5) 9
12 -000 NEVER IN TOUCH 5 M Brittain 7-7 ... L Charnock 6

9-4 Brackenthwaite, 3-1 North Ardar, 6-1 Festin, Peedie Peat, 8-1 Sophisticated Air, 12-1 Heathyards Gem, Northern Chief, 14-1 Muhtashim, 16-1 others

WARWICK

THUNDERER

5.30 Strong John. 6.00 Billy Bathgate. 6.30 Millrous. 7.00 Docklands Express. 7.30 Stage Player. 8.00 West Street. 8.30 Brocklesby.

Brian Beel: 8.00 West Street.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

5.30 LEAMINGTON NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,052: 2m) (16 runners)

1 2180 BALZAC BOY 73 (D,G,S) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-10 ... M Pitman
2 3230 THE MINE CAPTAIN 17 (D,G) F O'Mahony 6-11-2 R Farrant (5)
3 0124 WEEKDAY CROSS 21 (D,G) J Jenkins 5-11-2 ... S Smith Eccles
4 1053 MOVING OUT 10 (D,G) Miss H Knight 5-11-0 ... J Osborne
5 0P2P STRONG JOHN 14 F Murphy 5-10-13 ... A Maguire
6 2000 SHAKE TOWN 28 J Mackie 5-10-11 ... N Williamson
7 32PU COLWAY PRINCE 7 (D,G,S) A Jones 5-10-11 ... G Upton
8 0540 PAPPA DONT PREACH 11 J Upson 5-10-9 ... R Supple
9 5550 ISHRAAQ 11 (B) R Akehurst 5-10-6 ... H Davies
10 506P NORTHERN SQUIRE 17 J Jefferson 5-10-5 ... M A Fitzgerald
11 2231 HALLO MAM 7 (D,F) O Brennan 4-10-4 ... M Brennan
12 8320 OUTFIELD 38 J Webber 7-10-4 ... A Webb
13 F505 WAR BEAT 8 (F) B Baugh 5-10-1 ... P Williams (5)
14 0PP5 VAZON EXPRESS 8 (V) P Dalton 7-10-0 ... N Mann
15 PP/1 SINGING GOLD 25 (D,S) H Sawyer 7-10-0 ... G Rowe
16 0PP6 TIBBS INN 26 C Smith 4-10-0 ... M Ranger

3-1 Strong John, 4-1 Balzac Boy, 5-1 Moving Out, The Mine Captain, 7-1 Singing Gold, 8-1 Hallo Mam, Weekday Cross, 12-1 Ishraaq, others.

6.00 GODIVA KINGMAKER NOVICES CHASE
(Grade II: £10,005: 2m 4f 110yd) (11)

1 B111 FLASHTHECASH 18 (D,F,S) G Balding 7-11-7 ... A Maguire
2 212F BIBENDUM 21 (C,D,G,S) R Waley-Cohen 7-11-3 ... Peter Hobbs
3 0341 BILLY BATHGATE 7 (F,S) N Henderson 7-11-3 ... R Dunwoody
4 2151 EGYPT MILL PRINCE 5 (B,F,S) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-3 ... M Pitman
5 0522 LAKE TEEREEN 17 (C,D,F,G,S) R Rowe 8-11-3 ... T Grantham
6 1111 LIGHT-VENEER 14 (D,F,G,S) Mrs M Jones 8-11-3 ... J White
7 U122 PERSIAN HOUSE 14 (D,BF,F,G,S) J Jefferson 6-11-3 ... M A Fitzgerald
8 1P12 SHU FLY 37 (F,G) C Broad 9-11-3 ... Jacqui Oliver
9 4F21 WICK POUND 25 (B,D,G,S) J Old 7-11-3 ... C Llewellyn
10 F256 WINNIE THE WITCH 48 (CD,F,G,S) K Bridgwater 9-10-12 ... D Bridgwater
11 0011 DUKE OF MONMOUTH 11 (G,S) S Sherwood 5-10-10 J Osborne

7-2 Flashthecash, 4-1 Light Veneer, 11-2 Duke Of Monmouth, 6-1 Bibendum, Shu Fly, Persian House, 8-1 Billy Bathgate, Egypt Mill Prince, 12-1 others

6.30 BARFORD CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HURDLE (£1,192: 2m) (6)

1 141 MILLROUS 10 (B,D,G,S) M Pipe 5-11-10 ... D Richmond
2 13F4 CLASSIC EXHIBIT 7 (D,G) A Forbes 4-11-5 ... T Eley
3 P ASTON WARRIOR 14 M Charles 6-11-0 ... V Slattery
4 0904 BELLING BELLING 5 C Jones 5-11-0 ... Katherine Davis (7)
5 66 WELL DONE RORY 61 J White 4-11-0 ... Mr P McLoughlin (5)
6 40P0 COOCHIE 10 (B) R Baker 4-10-9 ... R Farrant

2-5 Millrous, 5-1 Classic Exhibit, 7-1 Belling Belling, 10-1 Well Done Rory, 12-1 Coochie, 20-1 Aston Warrior.

7.00 AMERICAN EXPRESS FX VETERANS CHASE
(£3,947: 3m 2f) (5)

1 2614 DOCKLANDS EXPRESS 14 (C,D,F,G,S) K Bailey 11-12-0 ... J Osborne
2 5-14 GALA'S IMAGE 17 (CD,F,G,S) J McConnochie 13-10-12 ... S McNeill
3 20V6 GARRISON SAVANNAH 14 (B,D,G,S) Mrs J Pitman 10-10-12 ... M Pitman
4 01V0 ROWLANDSONS JEWELS 14 (D,F,G,S) D Murray Smith 12-10-12 ... M A Fitzgerald
5 51V0 WONT BE GONE LONG 21 (F,G) N Henderson 11-10-12 ... R Dunwoody

5-4 Docklands Express, 13-8 Garrison Savannah, 5-1 Wont Be Gone Long, 6-1 Rowlandsons Jewels, 16-1 Gala's Image.

7.30 WASPERTON HILL HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,868: 2m 4f 110yd) (16)

1 1/50 NAHAR 17 (D,G) S Dow 8-12-0 ... A Dicken (5)
2 502P VILLA RECOS 14 (D,F,G,S) Mrs J Pitman 8-11-7 ... M Pitman
3 30FF BEAN KING 25 (G) N Henderson 7-11-6 ... R Dunwoody
4 5101 DOOLAR 7 (D,F,G,S) P Dalton 6-11-1 ... N Mann
5 52P2 STAGE PLAYER 7 (CD,F,G) Miss S Wilton 7-11-1 ... D Murphy
6 1032 SEA TROUT 15 (BF,F,G) C Jones 9-10-11 ... G Upton
7 P6BP LOANINGDALE 11 (B,D,F,G) R Akehurst 8-10-10 ... H Davies
8 4216 ASK THE GOVERNOR 17 (G,S) G Balding 7-10-3 ... A Maguire
9 1043 WINGS OF FREEDOM 18 (D,F) J Jenkins 5-10-0 ... J Osborne
10 1F30 IT'S VARADAN 14 (G,S) T Etherington 9-10-0 ... R Supple
11 1541 WHAT IF 28 (F,G,S) O Brennan 9-10-0 ... M Brennan
12 0300 SECRET LIASON 5 (G) K Bridgwater 7-10-0 ... D Bridgwater
13 3330 BICKERMAN 14 (BF,G) J Spearing 10-10-0 ... A Webb
14 04P2 DOMINION TREASURE 10 (G,S) R Baker 8-10-0 ... V Slattery (3)
15 P536 AUTONOMOUS 5 (F) K Bridgwater 8-10-0 ... W Humphreys
16 -PPP SOLENT LAD 23 (V,F,G,S) B Stevens 10-10-0 ... M Stevens (7)

4-1 Doolar, 5-1 Stage Player, 6-1 Sea Trout, What If, 13-2 Bean King, 8-1 others.

8.00 WILLOUGHBY DE BROKE CHALLENGE TROPHY NOVICES HUNTER CHASE
(Amateurs: £1,106: 2m 4f 110yd) (10)

1 UF-0 CRUISE CONTROL 77 K Hollowell 7-12-0 ... K Hollowell (7)
2 034- DAMERS TREASURE 694 (BF) B Summers 7-12-0 N Bradley (7)
3 0/ IRIDOPHANES 751 Mrs P Robeson 7-12-0 ... J Durkan (3)
4 5UU/ JACK DWYER 1239 M Bannister 9-12-0 ... N Bannister (7)
5 0/ RUSSIAN LION 1471 Mrs F Gray 12-12-0 ... Miss T Gray (7)
6 0PP/ TRUE HOLLOW 711 Mrs P Pile 11-12-0 ... S Pile (7)
7 2- WEST STREET 364 R Mathias 9-12-0 ... C Hancock (7)
8 035 DARLING ELLEN 3 T Fowler 8-11-9 ... T Fowler (7)
9 2/ GOOD EGG 987 Miss S Bowerman 7-11-9 ... Miss S Sharratt (7)
10 U/PP HANNAH MILLIE NICK 21 F Matthews 8-11-9 ... J Rice (7)

4-6 West Street, 4-1 Cruise Control, 7-1 Damers Treasure, 8-1 others.

8.30 GRUNWICK BUMPER NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,602: 2m) (25)

1 BODMINICK O Brennan 5-11-7 ... P Williams (5)
2 BROCKLESBY Mrs M Reveley 5-11-7 ... M Herrington (7)
3 FURRY FOX G Balding 5-11-7 ... Mr A H Crow (7)
4 4 HAWAIIAN YOUTH 16 R Rowe 5-11-7 ... L Dace (7)
5 MAUDS THYNE J Gifford 5-11-7 ... P Hide (5)
6 NEW STATESMAN C Bravell 5-11-7 ... B Clifford
7 RUFFTRADE C Brooks 5-11-7 ... M Berry (7)
8 UNKNOWN CHALLENGER O Sherwood 5-11-7 ... J McCarthy (5)
9 UPHAM SURPRISE J Old 5-11-7 ... M Hourigan (3)
10 WOODLANDS POWER P Pritchard 5-11-7 ... R Davis (5)
11 CATAKIL T Tate 4-11-2 ... W Fry (7)
12 CHRIS'S GLEN J Bradley 4-11-2 ... R Farrant (5)
13 GLENFINN PRINCESS K Bridgwater 5-11-2 ... V Slattery (3)
14 MAN O MINE F Murphy 4-11-2 ... Mr Paul Murphy (7)
15 MISTER NOVA N Henderson 4-11-2 ... Mr C Vigors (7)
16 MR BUSKER D Murray Smith 4-11-2 ... Mr J Durkan
17 REEDFINCH O Sherwood 4-11-2 ... Pat Thompson (7)
18 4 CLASS ATTRACTION 7 M Pipe 4-10-11 ... D Richmond (5)
19 DALBEATTIE N Twiston-Davies 4-10-11 ... A Flannigan (7)
20 GOLD BONNET G Enright 4-10-11 ... R Moore (7)
21 JUNGLE HIGHWAY D Nicholson 4-10-11 ... Miss S Forster (7)
22 LELLAJES R Hollinshead 4-10-11 ... S Wynne (3)
23 NEARLY AT SEA L Cottrell 4-10-11 ... Mr L Jefford (7)
24 STORMY PETREL P Walwyn 4-10-11 ... Mr P MacEwan
25 TRUE STORM J Spearing 4-10-11 ... Miss C Spearing (7)

7-2 Brocklesby, 9-2 Unknown Challenger, 5-1 Furry Fox, 6-1 Class Attraction, 7-1 Jungle Highway, 8-1 Mister Nova, 10-1 Man O Mine, 12-1 others

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S MEETINGS

Lingfield Park

Going: good to firm

2.30 (5f) 1, High Domain (J Reid, 9-2); 2, Peter Rowley (7-1); 3, Straight Arrow (14-1). Aqua Viva 6-4 fav 13 ran. 1¾l, ¾l. M McCormack. Tote: £5.00; £1.80, £2.40, £3.30. DF: £30.50. CSF: £35.61.

3.00 (1m 2f) 1, Storm Free (A Munro, 6-1); 2, No Submission (3-1); 3, Express Service (14-1). Awesome Power 15-8 fav. 7 ran. NR: Kinnegad Kid. 1l, 1l. L Cottrell. Tote: £4.20; £1.80, £1.60. DF: £4.80. CSF: £21.33.

3.30 (7f) 1, Navaresque (Miss J Southcombe, 25-1); 2, Shining Jewel (9-1); 3, Captain Marmalade (6-1); 4, Courting Newmarket (20-1). Rise Up Singing 11-4 fav. 16 ran. 1l, 1½l. R Hodges. Tote: £48.70; £8.50, £2.60, £1.50, £4.40. DF: £536.90. CSF: £225.90. Tricast: £1,411.41.

4.00 (7f) 1, Winged Victory (R Cochrane, 4-1); 2, Young Em (3-1); 3, Caralaman (11-4 fav). 6 ran. 1l, 2¼l. I Balding. Tote: £4.90; £1.50, £1.20, £1.80. DF: £6.10. CSF: £15.73.

4.30 (5f) 1, Serious Hurry (T Quinn, 8-1); 2, Florac (15-8 fav); 3, Mister Jolson (6-1). 13 ran. 1l, 2l. C C Elsey. Tote: £10.30; £2.80, £1.50, £1.60. DF: £14.00. Trio: £20.60. CSF: £22.71. Tricast: £93.50.

5.00 (7f 140yd) 1, Soaking (B Rouse, 14-1); 2, Hopeful Bid (8-1); 3, Bernstein Bette (6-1). Comanche Companion 100-30 fav. 13 ran. NR: Amethystine. Nk, nk. G Moore. Tote: £15.20; £3.70, £2.20, £3.00. DF: £80.90. CSF: £90.96.

5.30 (1m 2f) 1, Northern Conqueror (B Doyle, 9-4 fav); 2, Our Eddie (16-1); 3, Lowawatha (6-1). 12 ran. 4l, 2½l. T Naughton. Tote: £3.50; £1.80, £3.80. £2.10. DF: £155.90. CSF: £36.23. Tricast: £184.16.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £13,922.87 carried forward to Lingfield today).

Placepot: £214.70.

Beverley

Going: good to firm

2.20 (5f) 1, Jade City (K Fallon, 20-1); 2, Humber's Supreme (25-1); 3, Lida's Delight (14-1). Scusi 10-11 fav. 14 ran. NR: El Arz. 1l, 1½l. Jimmy Fitzgerald. Tote: £24.60; £4.70, £4.30, £5.30. DF (1st or 2nd with any other): £6.00. CSF: £397.75.

2.50 (5f) 1, Surprise Breeze (N Carlisle, 10-1); 2, Palacegate Jo (4-7 fav); 3, Bescaby Girl (8-1). 13 ran. 2l, 1½l. R Whitaker. Tote: £8.00; £1.90, £1.20, £2.50. DF: £4.60. CSF: £16.53. After stewards' enquiry, result stood.

3.20 (2m 35yd) 1, King William (Alex Greaves, 9-2 fav); 2, Chantry Bartle (11-2); 3, Lafkadio (9-1). 13 ran. 5l, ½l. J Spearing. Tote: £4.40; £1.50, £2.40, £3.60. DF: £16.10. CSF: £29.48. Tricast: £203.55.

3.50 (1m 100yd) 1, Sweet Mignonette (F Norton, 11-8 fav); 2, Double Sherry (20-1); 3, Ballyranter (5-1). 8 ran. ¾l, 1l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £2.10; £1.50, £3.30, £1.60. DF: £50.90. CSF: £26.09. Tricast: £104.20.

4.20 (1m 1f 207yd) 1, Vistec Express (W Ryan, 4-1); 2, Best Appearance (14-1); 3, Formato Uni (8-15 fav). 6 ran. 5l, nk. H Cecil. Tote: £4.60; £2.00, £2.40. DF: £20.10. CSF: £40.61.

4.50 (1m 3f 216yd) 1, Shamshom Al Arab (Darren Moffatt, 9-4 fav); 2, Trojan Lancer (4-1); 3, West With The Wind (14-1). 10 ran. 3l, nk. S Norton. Tote: £3.40; £1.60, £1.70, £3.00. DF: £8.60. CSF: £12.32. Tricast: £99.59.

Placepot: £504.50.

Carlisle

Going: good (good to firm in places)

2.40 (1m 4f) 1, Prime Painter (D Nicholls, 7-2); 2, Doc Spot (2-1 fav); 3, Sassamouse (9-2). 6 ran. 3½l, 6l. R Fisher. Tote: £6.70; £1.80, £1.20. DF: £9.40. CSF: £10.08.

3.10 (6f 206yd) 1, Claudia Miss (Dean McKeown, 9-2); 2, Shelabia (14-1); 3, Savahra Sound (8-1). Just A Step 3-1 fav. 15 ran. Hd, 1l. W Haigh. Tote: £5.30; £1.50, £3.00, £3.30. DF: £70.40. CSF: £62.13.

3.40 (6f 206yd) 1, White Creek (J Carroll, 11-10 fav); 2, Panther (12-1); 3, Gweek (11-2). 11 ran. NR: Sporting Spirit. 1½l, ¾l. J Berry. Tote: £2.00; £1.20, £2.60, £1.40. DF: £10.80. CSF: £14.95. Tricast: £48.46.

4.10 (5f) 1, Woi (P Robinson, 6-1); 2, Persian Heritage (9-4 fav); 3, Rafferty's Rules (8-1). 12 ran. Hd, 3½l. M Tompkins. Tote: £7.60; £1.90, £1.50, £4.40. DF: £11.20. CSF: £21.97.

4.40 (5f 207yd) 1, Miss Aragon (P Robinson, 8-1); 2, Blue Grit (5-1 jt-fav); 3, Sartigila (5-1 jt-fav). 14 ran. NR: Important Decision, Rise Over. 3l, ½l. Miss L Siddall. Tote: £8.30; £3.70, £2.80, £2.50. DF: £41.50. CSF: £46.86. Tricast: £208.21.

5.10 (1m 6f 32yd) 1, Continuity (J Weaver, 7-1); 2, Shynon (2-1); 3, Grace Card (7-4 fav). 12 ran. NR: Hot Star. 2l, hd. E Alston. Tote: £8.20; £3.20, £1.40, £1.90. DF: £15.80. CSF: £20.61. Tricast: £33.23.

Placepot: £27.50.

Thursday's late results

Sedgefield

Going: good to firm

6.00 (2m 5f 110yd) 1, Station Express (A Orkney, 11-1); 2, Mr Reiner (9-2 fav); 3, Valseur (8-1). 12 ran. NR: Strong Fancy. Nk, sh hd. B Ellison. Tote: £9.50; £2.90, £2.10, £2.10. DF: £42.70. CSF: £55.33. Tricast: £299.52.

6.30 (3m 3f 110yd hdle) 1, Stated Case (L Wyer, 9-4 fav); 2, Gymcrak Gamble (7-1); 3, Perry Well (9-2). 7 ran. NR: Monaru, Justice Lea. 2l, 5l. M H Easterby. Tote: £2.60; £1.60, £2.00. DF: £10.30. CSF: £15.68. Tricast: £50.56.

7.00 (2m 5f ch) 1, Tres Amigos (A Lamach, 10-11 fav); 2, Laurie-O (14-1); 3, Ben Tirran (10-1). 5 ran. NR: Calmata. 20l, 6l. J Johnson. Tote: £1.60; £1.40, £2.40. DF: £4.80. CSF: £10.83.

7.30 (3m 3f ch) 1, Choctaw (C Hawkins, 4-1); 2, Carousel Calypso (9-2); 3, OK Corral (9-4 fav). 7 ran. ¾l, 1½l. P Beaumont. Tote: £3.90; £2.00, £2.40. DF: £5.50. CSF: £19.96.

8.00 (2m 1f ch) 1, Anthony Bell (A Orkney, 25-1); 2, Kamart (3-1); 3, Silver Haze (3-1). Safety 2-1 fav. 7 ran. NR: Scottish Reform, Strong Silver. 2l, 2l. T Carr. Tote: £38.20; £5.80, £1.40. DF: £23.00. CSF: £91.69. Tricast: £268.19.

8.30 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Mingus (C Grant, 11-10 fav); 2, Wayward Edward (8-1); 3, Klimnloyle (7-4). 6 ran. 6l, ¾l. R Fisher. Tote: £1.70; £1.30, £1.40. DF: £4.60. CSF: £7.39.

Placepot: £25.80.

Uttoxeter

Going: good to firm

5.45 (2m hdle) 1, Nortino (T Reed, 13-2); 2, Roger's Pal (2-1 fav), 3, Artic Wings (3-1). 10 ran. NR: Camingtons Hill. 1½l, 3½l. J Charlton. Tote: £12.90; £2.80, £1.40, £1.70. DF: £8.80. CSF: £18.93.

6.15 (2m hdle) 1, Prime Mover (D J Burchell, 4-1); 2, Barcham (13-8 fav); 3, Jubilata (20-1). 11 ran. Nk, 1½l. D Burchell. Tote: £6.60; £1.80, £1.50, £3.60. DF: £7.80. CSF: £10.58. Tricast: £107.16.

6.45 (2m 5f ch) 1, Tammy's Friend (M Pitman, 7-2); 2, Woody Will (2-1 fav); 3, Over The Styx (3-1). 9 ran. NR: Unpaid Member. 3½l, 30l. Mrs J Pitman. Tote: £4.00; £1.20, £1.70, £1.10. DF: £4.30. CSF: £10.54. Tricast: £20.70.

7.15 (3m 2f ch) 1, Sooner Still (N Williamson, 7-4 fav); 2, My Skiway (7-2); 3, Lady Token (8-1). 5 ran. 6l, 1½l. J Edwards. Tote: £2.60; £1.30, £1.90. DF: £4.00. CSF: £7.71.

7.45 (2m 6f 110yd hdle) 1, Garston La Gaffe (G Bradley, 7-1); 2, Alternation (5-2); 3, Mickeen (11-10 fav). 12 ran. 4l, 12l. M Bradstock. Tote: £5.50; £1.30, £1.60, £1.20. DF: £11.70. CSF: £24.45.

8.15 (3m 110yd hdle) 1, Knights (Jacqui Oliver, 13-2); 2, Pollerton's Pride (12-1); 3, Kino (12-1); 4, Carogrove (20-1). Celtic Breeze 4-1 fav. 17 ran. NR: Springvale Crusade. 5l, 3½l. C Broad. Tote: £6.40; £2.00, £2.70, £3.10. DF: £21.90. CSF: £85.10. Tricast: £870.70.

Placepot: £15.50.

☐ Yorkshire trainer Bill Watts bids for big-race success in Germany tomorrow when he runs Colway Rock in the group two Mehl-Mulhens Rennen at Cologne. Arman's Sax, trained by John Dunlop, and Guy Harwood's Darbonne are the other British representatives. Dermot Weld saddles Arabic Treasure for Ireland.

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Saturday portrait: Mary Thomson, by Simon Barnes

A sporting heroine who might make Jilly Cooper jealous

Last week Jilly Cooper commandeered most of the literary pages of the national press and most of the prime-time television audience of a bank holiday weekend: not a bad sort of win-double, that. She did so by exploiting the millennium-old belief that horses are irresistibly connected with wealth and privilege. And this sort of thing — the pornography of privilege — sells like anything.

Diamonds and champagne, darling, and naughty whips and spurs, too. This association of horses and privilege goes layers deep into the British racial unconsciousness. If wishes were horses, beggars would ride, we say. Chaucer described the horses of his pilgrims with meticulous care, for by their horses we shall know them. Horses were as much a social statement as a car is now.

The equation of horses and privilege lingers on today as a kind of social fossil. Horses are not cheap, but nor are motor sports, or microlighting, or boating. Jilly Cooper is not about to write a book about stock-car racing.

Mary Thomson won Badminton last year, and is among the favourites this year. She was brought up in a rented cottage in a Devon village; her father was verger. Neither her father nor her mother cared remotely for horses, either.

But Thomson had a sit on the vicar's pony when she was six, and that was that. Smitten. She took responsibility for her own destiny from then on.

An immensely deceptive person, Thomson. Oceans of calm flow from her, yet we met the day before Badminton started, one of the tensest four days of the eventing year. Extraordinary.

But Thomson is, in her quiet way, an extraordinary person. Calm, not rigidly controlled, but deep and genuine. And utterly resolute. There is not an ounce of aggression perceptible but, somehow, she gets her own way and achieves exactly what she aims to.

She is a slow-burn sort of person. She seems fairly ordinary at first impression: the fact that she is unusual, powerful and tough emerges with bewildering slowness. You might think her nice-looking when you meet her; about an hour later you notice that she is stunning. Everything about her is deceptive.

She set about her horsey education with quiet determination, two words that sum up a great deal of her nature. She rode the vicar's pony. She rode any pony that she could get her hands on. Soon she was pedalling about Devon on her pushbike, borrowing ponies, exercising them, working, learning.

I assumed that the next stage of the story was about the overflowing of natural talent. Not a bit of it. "It took me a whole year to master the rising trot," she said. "A year to be able to go up and down." (As a matter of fact, it took me about 1½ hours, and I'm no genius.) Anybody else would have given up. Thomson did not.

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When she was 13, seven years of relentless badgering at last paid off. Her parents bought her a pony. Butter Boy: three hundred quidsworth of untried and untested horse. She begged local farmers for use of a field and a stable. Did all the work herself, naturally. And she and the pony learnt together, learnt to compete, learnt to win: above all, learnt to improve.

Horses like calm people around them. They like calm people in the daily tensions of schooling; they like calm people in the blare and excitement of competition. It is in this area that Thomson's greatest ability seems to show itself. Physical ability helps with horses: but eventing goes a good deal deeper than that.

Thomson insisted on leaving school at 16 to work with horses, against all scholastic advice. Her parents, who had lived with her through a decade of horsey resolution, saw there was no help for it. So Butter Boy was sold, and Thomson spent 2½ years working for a top eventer called Sheila Wilcox.

"I was under a lot of pressure there; it was a very tough time," she said. "But if I hadn't gone there, I wouldn't be where I am now. And anyway, I loved it."

After Wilcox, Thomson had a brief period, a kind of last fling, of life without horses. She did a cordon bleu course to please her parents and she worked in a ski resort. But this was not an attempt to evade her destiny, just a breather. She came back from this and announced to her parents that she was now going to be an eventer. With what?

All she had was a little money from the sale of Butter Boy. She bought a horse. Her parents bought a rickety lorry to take the beast to competition. And Thomson organised a manifestly crazy life to pay for it all. She borrowed a disused farmyard, took in horses on livery and looked after them, taught people how to ride and to master the rising trot in 1½ hours, cooked cordon bleu meals, even did a butcher's round. She kept the show on the road. She was doing what she wanted, even if that did involve doing a lot of other things as well.

At the heart of the business was the fact that she bought good horses and improved them. She competed them well. "I'm lucky I'm sort of a calm person," she said, calm and laid-back. "I'm not incredibly brave. I'm only as brave as my horse. Some riders are much braver than that; they will take a chance ride and gallop around a cross-country course. Not me. I love to ride horses I know very well, that I have produced from the beginning, and I know how they are going to react."

That willingness to trust a horse, that willingness to take the whole issue of trust beyond the species barrier has always seemed to me one of the highest forms of sporting bravery.

The final step came with sponsorship. A tip-off got her an introduction to a potential sponsor. She had heard that the chairman's wife was daft about animals, so she included "a nice, twee picture of me with a gosling" in her portfolio. "How is your goose?" was virtually the first question she was asked. "My heart sank. Because you see we'd eaten him for Christmas." After a horrible pause, she confessed. Another horrible pause: and then a gust of laughter. And so Carphone decided to invest in an up-and-coming rider.

That brought her to Badminton, with a horse called Divers Rock. "He was a failed dressage horse. He'd got to the top level in showing as well, and qualified for Wembley. But in both things, he couldn't cope with the pressure. He got all hyperactive. His jumping was dreadful, too. But there was something about him . . ."

Again, we find the Thomson calm: her endlessly laid-back nature. Divers Rock turned from neurotic to achiever. The pair of them finished Badminton in seventh place, and from then on Thomson knew she was at home at the highest level of her sport.

Since then, the Carphone chairman and his goose-loving wife have separated. But the former wife, Gill Robinson, continues to back Thomson, owns all her horses, and is utterly absorbed in the eventing life without actually interfering with the way Thomson runs it. It is, in short, an ideal sporting relationship.

There is but a single barrier left for Thomson to clear. She has established herself as one of the best riders practising. All that remains is for her to set her stamp on a period as one of the great riders of all time. That means becoming a multiple Badminton winner, like Lucinda Green, Mark Phillips, Ginny Leng and Ian Stark.

It is within her reach, especially as her top horse, King William, is 10, young by eventing standards. Her set-up, backed by Robinson, is designed for sustained, long-term success.

But the clinching factor is the Thomson temperament. In most other sports, so calm, so manifestly gentle a nature would be positively counter-productive. But eventing is about forging long-term relationships with horses — a very odd business indeed. And — since I was writing about privilege at the start of this — I would say *that* is the greatest privilege of all.

STEVE MARTIN



Senna display overshadows rumour of Mansell return

Oliver Holt sees three times world champion put on a breathtaking show

IN THE languid heat of a lazy Barcelona afternoon heavy with paddock rumour, Ayrton Senna yesterday dragged attention back to action on the track with 12 breathtaking qualifying laps.

His performance was not quite enough to dislodge a rejuvenated Alain Prost from provisional pole position for tomorrow's race here in Barcelona. But it did relegate loosely-founded gossip concerning a return to Formula One from IndyCar racing by Nigel Mansell to its proper place by its audacity.

The Circuit de Catalunya, with its long pit straight and sweeping curves was expected to neutralise Senna's ability to push his McLaren-Ford close to Prost and Damon Hill, his closest pursuers in the drivers' championship, in their more powerful Williams-Renaults.

But yesterday the Brazilian — three times the world champion — who says his long-running contractual dispute with McLaren is nearing a successful conclusion, squeezed Hill into third place by less than two-tenths of a second by driving beyond even his limits.

"I hung it out there much too much today," he said afterwards. "The track is full of very fast bends and I was going into them so quickly I did not know whether I had the grip or not to come out the other side. At the time, there is a tremendous fight going on inside you. One part is saying 'try it', but another is saying 'be careful'. You are exceeding all the limits you know, driving on the absolute maximum. I did it today but I hope I don't do it tomorrow."

But Senna, 33, insisted that despite his qualifying heroics his role in the race would be little more than that of an entertaining bit-part player.

"In the circumstances we are competing in, I do not think it is worth the effort of pushing yourself beyond the limit," he said. "It is a great feeling when it comes off, but if you get it wrong, you realise you are risking your life. But my heart was speaking higher than my reason. I am competing to try to get close to pole. Williams are so superior that if I get in front for a few laps it only serves to give the public a bit of a thrill until they come past me again."

One suspects, too, that Williams will make improvements over the weekend. Yesterday, Hill and Prost complained that changes to their cars' setups because of bumps in the track had adversely affected their times.

The morning practice, though, was overshadowed by speculation concerning the reappearance of Mansell. Based on a sighting of the reigning world champion's adviser, Sheridan Thynne, emerging from a Knightsbridge restaurant with the Benetton managing director, Flavio Briatore, and the Formula One Constructors' Association president, Bernie Ecclestone, the suggestion was that Mansell would join Benetton before the Monaco grand prix later this month.

Briatoressaid he was not even at the same table as Thynne.

BARCELONA DETAILS

LEADING PRACTICE TIMES: 1 A Prost (Fr) Williams 1min 19.599sec (average speed 214.691kph); 2, A Senna (Br), McLaren, 1:20.221; 3, D Hill (GB), Williams, 1:20.400; 4, M Schumacher (Ger), Benetton, 1:21.148; 5, R Patrese (It), Benetton, 1:21.880; 6, M Andretti (US), McLaren, 1:22.286; 7, J J Lehto (Fin), Sauber, 1:22.801; 8, J Herbert (GB), Lotus, 1:23.541; 9, A Zanardi (It), Lotus, 1:23.578; 10, J Alesi (Fr), Ferrari, 1:23.614; 11, K Wendlinger (Austria), Sauber, 1:23.696; 12, D Warwick (GB), Footwork, 1:23.971; 13, M Blundell (GB), Ligier 1:24.107; 14, A Suzuki (Japan) Footwork 1:24.158.

DRIVERS' CHAMPIONSHIP: 1, A Senna (Br), 26pts; 2, Prost, 24; 3, Hill, 12; 4, Schumacher, 10; equal 5, M Brundle (GB), J Herbert (GB), 6; 7, Lehto, 5; 8, M Brundle (GB), 4; 9, C Fittipaldi (Br), 3; equal 10, P Alboi (Fr), R Patrese (It) and F Barbazza (It), 2; equal 13, G Berger (Austria) and Zanardi, 1.

CONSTRUCTORS' CHAMPIONSHIP: 1, Williams-Renault, 38pts; 2, McLaren-Ford, 26; 3, Benetton-Ford, 12; 4, Ligier-Renault, 10; 5, Lotus-Ford, 7; 6, Sauber, 5; 7, Minardi-Ford, 5; 8, Larrousse-Lamborghini, 2; 9, Ferrari, 1

Lewis to help in defence of title

JIMMY Lewis, Havant's young goalkeeper, who is part of the England senior squad, will be a member of the South team that will be defending the junior divisional title at Old Loughtonians Hockey Club, Chigwell this weekend (Sydney Friskin writes).

With the junior World Cup in Terrassa, Spain, only four months away, a number of players in line for England's under-21 selection will be taking part. These include Davis and Woods for the East, Gibbins and Sutton for the Midlands, Conway for the North, and Mason, who keeps goal for Firebrands, for the West.

South will be severely tested by both East and Midlands in pool A. Combined Services, North and West make up pool B.

Houdini conjures up slender dressage lead

BY JENNY MACARTHUR

VIRGINIA Leng, who is seeking a third Badminton win, had taken a slender lead on Welton Houdini at the end of one of the most competitive dressage phases in the event's 41-year-old history. The former world and European champion is separated by just 0.2 of a point from Tanya Cleverly, who produced a scintillating performance on her 13-year-old, Watkins.

Cleverly had the same narrow lead over New Zealand's dual Olympic champion, Mark Todd, on Just an Ace. His compatriot, Blyth Tait, the world champion, has moved into fifth place on Team Toggi's Ricochet, just behind Thursday's overnight leader Marie-Christine Duroy, of France.

Less than ten points separate the top 22 riders as the competition for the Mitsubishi Motors Trophy enters today's speed and endurance phase, the focal point of the event.

Despite her good mark Leng's test was not the best she is capable of with the ten-year-old Houdini, owned by Citibank. Houdini had been lit up earlier in the day by the sight of the Beaufort Hounds being exercised in the park and his test, though soft and accurate, had moments of tenseness.

Leng is hoping Houdini's love of hunting will have a beneficial effect on her cross-country performance today. Leng has hunted him in Leicestershire regularly during the winter, which has helped to restore his confidence after his fall at Badminton last year. "Everyone was very kind and did their best not to crash into me," she said.

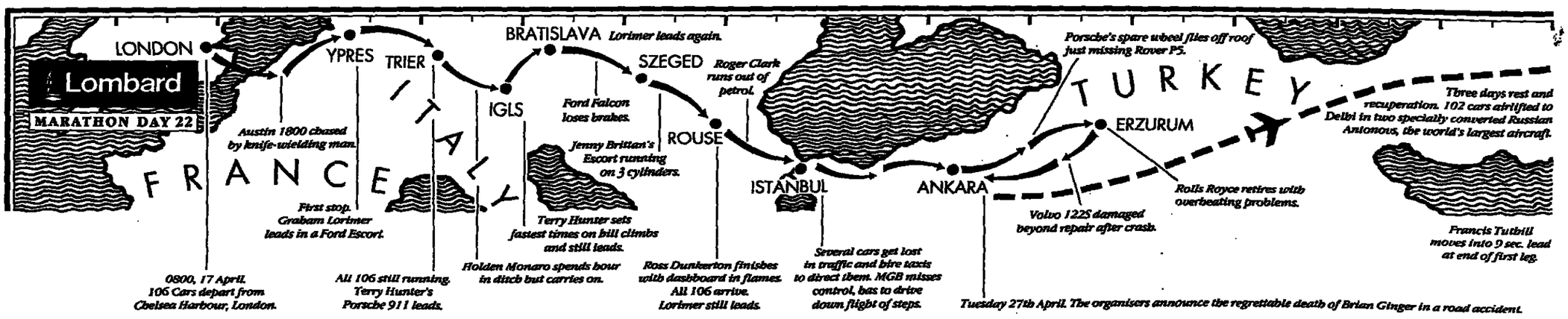
Though several riders have judged Hugh Thomas's 30-fence cross-country course as "easier than usual", Leng is too experienced a competitor to dismiss a Badminton course lightly. "It's a very clever course," she said. "Unless you walk it very carefully, you could miss some of the 'rider' traps.'

Cleverley said: "It's big and asks lots of questions." Todd, who produced one of the most attractive tests of the day, is poised behind the British riders. He described the course as "a fair one, but no pushover".

Tait, whose good mark yesterday was some compensation for the ungenerous score given to his first horse, Delta, has two contrasting rides today. Delta, the runner-up at Burghley, is "brave — almost overconfident". Ricochet, aged 15, who will be retired after Badminton, was his reserve Olympic horse but is "a more cautious type".

One of the best tests from the younger riders yesterday came from Kristina Gifford, aged 22, on her second horse, Smithstown Lad. They followed Todd into the arena but more than held their own finishing in ninth place. Karen Dixon, a regular member of the British team and one of the favourites for Badminton, had a disappointing test on Get Smart and is lying in 43rd place.

RESULTS: 1, Welton Houdini, V Leng (GB), 43.0; 2, Watkins, T Cleverly (GB), 43.2; 3, Just an Ace, M Todd (NZ), 43.4; 4, Quart du Plessiseau, M-C Duroy (Fr), 44.2; 5, Ricochet, B Tait (NZ), 44.8; 6, Ballycotton, A Harris (GB), 45.2; 7, King William, M Thomson (GB), 46.0.



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Qualifying games begin as war-torn Beirut sees hope of return to normal after bloody civil war

Fifa symbol of peace rises from war's ashes



Rob Hughes *on how World Cup football brought hope to Beirut after years of devastation and war*

Here in Beirut, the unthinkable began to happen yesterday evening. And if the gods of peace prevail, it will go on happening throughout next week until ten World Cup qualifying games between five nations of Asia are completed in the Borj Hammoud Stadium. Yes, Beirut, the hell-hole of the modern world until Bosnia took over, has been granted the hope by Fifa, world football's governing body, that, through the game, it can at last present some sign of stability, some will to rebuild its society after years of civil war.

Nowhere else among the 400 qualifying games around the world on the way to USA '94 can football hold such awesome responsibility. The ruins here are appalling beyond imagination; the old city of Beirut a ghost area of mass dereliction in which the only living things are armed Lebanese soldiers and wild trees that have had time to grow unmolested.

But yesterday, in a stadium refurbished in just three months, Hong Kong defeated Bahrain 2-1, there was then an opening ceremony lasting 45 minutes and, in a mood that mixed fanaticism with the sheer relief of the occasion, Lebanon drew 2-2 with India.

Everything had to be completed before nightfall. That was not so much because of the heavy security operation but because the lights, probably the only things standing of the old stadium, are not up to international standards. Even if they were, to burn that much electricity would be anathema in a land still blighted by weekly 12-hour power cuts. But the fact that we were here at all, as well as the Lebanese prime minister, Rafik Hahiri, was a testimony to the extraordinary will of the host football federation.

Its president, Dr Nabil El-Raee, took the stand to speak before 47 television stations. His message was: "For the youth of this country we are bringing football back to the world, and the world comes to Lebanon. We wish our visiting teams a nice stay in our peaceful Lebanon."

The word peaceful echoed resoundingly. To get here, the teams of all four visiting nations had journeyed from their protected paradise, the Summerland Hotel on the Mediterranean coast. They had, if the players' eyes were taking in much more than the fact that even in strange circumstances these matches represent the peak of their careers, passed a stark and alarming contrast.

On the journey from their luxury abode, the buses passed the mangled remnants of Beirut's former 60,000-seat Camille Hammoud Stadium. It is a rotting, skeletal oval, built for the 1957 Arab Games. The site, with its swimming pool, volleyball and boxing halls and equestrian centre, was bombed by the Israelis in 1982, being suspected of harbouring PLO munition.

From that symbol of ruin, we entered the new edifice of hope, the Borj Hammoud Stadium. It is spruce, fresh, and the architect of feverish work that was going on well into the night before the opening match. You could smell the paint, admire the marble steps and the fresh, white walls which, with their gilt decoration, resemble the icing on a cake. To the right of the main stand lies an open mountain range, to the left the flags of the competing nations, and Fifa's yellow "Fair Play Please" insignia are almost indistinguishable against the clothing lines of a dozen or so blocks of apartments.

As army chiefs made their first and final inspection of the stadium yesterday, one could barely help hinting that these flats presented 180 or so windows or roofed balconies overlooking the ground; it triggered the thought of snipers.

One army dignitary heard the question, smiled and responded: "The army have them all covered."

We never doubted them.



AHMED AZAKIR

In the firing line: Yan Lik-Kin and Lee Wai-man, of Hong Kong, close down a Bahrain player during their 2-1 victory in Beirut

The doubt was in government officials' minds about whether the army could deal more gently with 15,000 people, plus gate-crashers, than has been their custom over two decades. For that purpose stewards were placed with militia at every entrance.

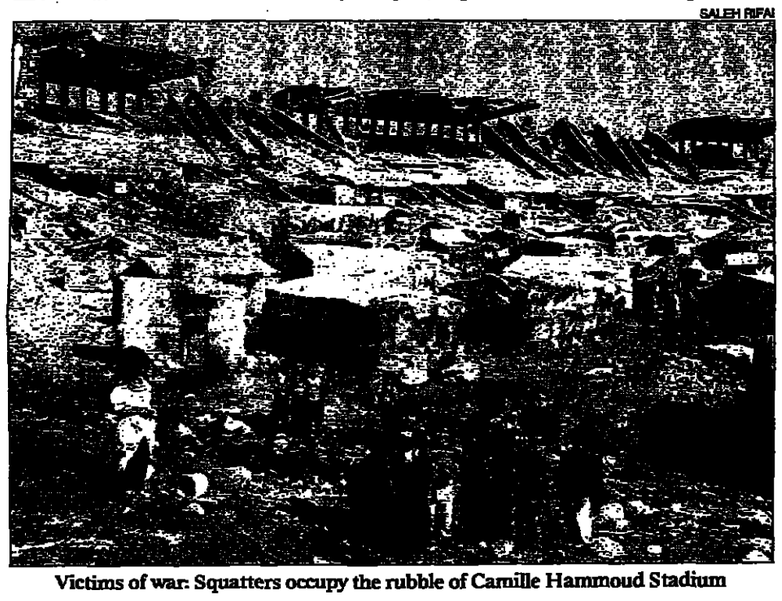
But the main aggression was where it is intended to be in sport, on the field. And in this stadium it is the people's symbolic statement of restoration. South Korea are expected, because of their professionalism and experience at reaching the last two World Cup finals, to prevail here. The Koreans had journeyed 13 hours by air and brought with them their own chef, food, even a botanist to prepare their herbal treatments. But what was fresh to us was, as the doctor said, the will of the Lebanese. El-Raee is a surgeon, a politician and a man of great impulsive drive. With his father's money and his own training in London and Cairo, he built a hospital in his own name in Sidon in south Lebanon nine years ago, when the city was under Israeli occupation. He has dealt, like any other general surgeon in this sad country, with more human destruction than he ever wishes to see again. Civil war has only losers, and the dead. There have been 120,000 killed here. During their own strife, the Lebanese not only continued playing football, often without stadiums, but also watched a great deal: England, Italy, wherever they chose on the 40 or so pirate television stations.

The national team of Lebanon was lost at war. Observers here tell you that young men did not play, they fought, and although few were actually killed in action none of the previous international players were still active when the long war ended. Nevertheless some hardy souls did continue, albeit in front of crowd limits imposed at 5,000; some Christians even crossed into Muslim areas to play in mixed teams.

And from this defiance the committee of Lebanon's FA, which celebrates its 60th anniversary this year, began to rebuild its league three years ago and now has 155 clubs with 15,000 players, almost double the previous highest number. Nobody should ask, and no one would tell, how many Christians or Muslims make up the present 11. There are certainly two Armenians in the team, and they obviously are Christian. But the one way to anger Lebanese football officials is to pursue the question of creed or religion: "We ourselves don't know the make up," insists Khaled Salaam, the government head of protocol. "We choose players who are Lebanese, the best players we can find, and to go around asking people's background would be to destroy everything we are now working towards. They are footballers, that is it."

Salaam also tells another warming human story. It is that Fahed El Ahmad, the brother of the Sheikh of Kuwait, paid US$80,000 as a gift to the Lebanese FA to help them find a new office three years ago after their own, inevitably, was bombed. Sheikh Fahed was killed trying to repel the Iraqi forces at the Emir's palace, but the regeneration has found another benefactor in prime minister Hahiri, who recently gave US$200,000 from his personal account to make sure this tournament takes place.

The Arab ministry for youth and higher education has agreed to pay US$140 million to help shape the Arab Games here for 1996. Nobody is naive enough to promote sport as a substitute for war. But the two have co-existed for 17 years, and while football has hardly been a bridge to peace, the prime minister promised: "War in Lebanon is finished forever."



SALEH RIFAI

Victims of war: Squatters occupy the rubble of Camille Hammoud Stadium

Highbury jinx is Palace's chief concern

BY KEITH PIKE

WILL it be agony at Arsenal or high fives at Halifax? With 26 of the 92 Premier and Barclays League clubs involved in promotion, relegation or play-off issues, the last Saturday of the football season today promises to be more traumatic than ever.

Nowhere will calculators be needed more than at the foot of the first division, where seven clubs will scrap to avoid the two remaining relegation places: nowhere will more attention be paid to team selection than at Highbury, where **Crystal Palace**'s fate will be decided.

The Premier League will take no action against **Arsenal** for fielding a virtual reserve side against Sheffield Wednesday at Hillsborough on Thursday, but George Graham, their manager, was left in no doubt yesterday that a repeat would not be tolerated.

A point will be enough for Palace, but they have lost their last four league games at Highbury. Should they lose again, and **Oldham Athletic** beat **Southampton** at Boundary Park, Steve Coppell's team will go down.

Ipswich Town are not completely safe, either. A point for Palace, a 3-0 win for Oldham and defeat for Ipswich by the same score at home to **Nottingham Forest** would relegate them.

The fight to join Newcastle United in gaining automatic promotion from the first division could depend on two of the most prolific strikers outside the Premier League, Clive Allen, of **West Ham United**, and Whittingham, of **Portsmouth**. West Ham and Portsmouth are level on 85 points and have home games against **Cambridge United** and **Grimsby Town** respectively. Goals scored may be needed to separate them.

Tears will be shed by the team consigned to the GM Vauxhall Conference — **Northampton Town**, who play at **Shrewsbury Town**, or the bottom club, **Halifax Town**, who must beat **Hereford United** at The Shay to have any chance of extending their membership of the league beyond 72 years.

Wycombe Wanderers, the GM Vauxhall Conference champions, are hot favourites to win the FA Trophy against **Runcorn** at Wembley tomorrow. The FA Vase final at the same venue today pits **Tiverton Town**, of the Great Mills League, against **Bridlington Town**, the HFS Loans League first division champions.

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

WORLD CUP: Asian zone: Group D: Bahrain 1, Hong Kong 2; Lebanon 2, India 2

BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: Brazil Cup: Quarter-finals: First leg: Ceara 1, Vasco da Gama 2; São Paulo 1, Cruzeiro 2; São Paulo Championship: First Stage: Corinthians 2, Juventus 0; Guarani 2, Marilia 1; Ituano 0, Mogi Mirim 0; Norocaste 3, Bragantino 1; Santos 1, Ponte Preta 1; União São João 0, Palmeiras 1; XV de Piracicaba 1, Portuguesa 1. Group B: Olimpia, 0 Botafogo/Ribeirão Preto 0; Sãocarlense 3, Internacional/Limeira 1. Standings (top six in group A and top two in group B qualify for second stage: Group A: 1, Palmeiras, played 29, 42pts; 2, Corinthians, 29, 38; 3, São Paulo, 28, 37; 4, Santos, 29, 37; 5, Guarani, 29, 35; 6, Mogi Mirim, 29, 35. Group B: 1, Ferroviaria, played 25, 35pts; 2, Novorizontino, 25, 34.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Tottenham 1, Luton 2.

Late results on Thursday

FA PREMIER LEAGUE: Sheffield Wednesday 1, Arsenal 0.

BARCLAYS LEAGUE: First division: Newcastle United 2, Oxford United 1.

PORTUGUESE CUP: Semi-final: Benfica 2, Guimares 1.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Aston Villa 1, Newcastle 0; Blackburn 2, Rotherham 1; Wolves 0, Liverpool 2. Second division: Burnley 1, Derby 3.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Norwich 0, Queens Park Rangers 1; Watford 2, Portsmouth 1. Second division: Plymouth 0, Yeovil 2.

BASS NORTH-WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Prescot 1, Newcastle Town 0.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Cincinnati Reds 5, Houston Astros 4; Atlanta Braves 13, Colorado Rockies 3.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Oakland Athletics 6, Boston Red Sox 3; California Angels 3, New York Yankees 1; Seattle Mariners 9, Cleveland Indians 5; Toronto Blue Jays 10, Baltimore Orioles 8.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION: Play-offs: First round: Western Conference: Phoenix Suns 101, Los Angels Lakers 86 (best-of-five series tied 2-2); Seattle Supersonics 93, Utah Jazz 80 (series tied 2-2). Eastern Conference: New York Knicks 109, Indiana Pacers 100 (OT) (New York win series 3-1).

BOWLS

JERSEY: Seven Countries Classic: Singles: Sixth round: M Smith (Guer) 25, L Nixon (Jer) 22; J Smyth (Ire) 25, I Boyle (Eng) 20, A Marshall (Scot) 25, L Avenbuch (Jer) 11. Seventh round: R Weale (Wales) 25, Avenbuch 19; Smyth 25, Smith 13; Boyle 25, Nixon 15. Fours: Sixth round: Jersey (A Syvret, A Querrard, B Noel, C Renouf) 20, Guernsey (A Welsh, D Masterton, J Quenigel, P Ingroutille) 15; Ireland (V Dallas, I McClure, N Graham, C Davis) 22, England (G Smyth, R Gess, G Burgess, M Salkjar) 15; Scotland (D Peacock, W Galloway, R Provan, A Blair) 16, Israel (L Blum, Y Gevish, J Miller, L Mandelsohn) 16. Seventh round: Israel 23, Wales (W Matthews, P Rowlands, B Kingdon, S Wiltshire) 14; Ireland 26, Guernsey 10; Jersey 19, England 18. Overall positions: 1, England: 2, Scotland; 3, Ireland; 4, Wales; 5, Israel; 6, Jersey; 7, Guernsey.

BOXING

LAS VEGAS: Cruiserweight (10 rnds): Glenn McCrory (Annfield Plain) bt Mark Young (North Carolina), pts. Light-middleweight (4 rnds): Adrian Dodson (Islington) bt Greg Wallace (California), rsc 3rd. Super-featherweight (6 rnds): Juan Castaneda (California) bt Gary De Roux (Peterborough), rsc 6th. Light-heavyweight (6 rnds): Ole Klemantsen (Nor) bt Jeff Medley (California), rsc 4th.

CAMDEN: International schoolboy match: England 6, Russia 6: (English names first) D Frost (Park Community School, Hampshire) lost to O Chukhardin, pts; C Rowland (High View School, Derbyshire) bt S Chaarmiskov, pts; J Nightingale (Wednesbury School, Manchester) lost to S Alexyuv, pts; P Jones (Nottingham Golden Gloves) bt A Inilin, pts; B Ali (Wheeler's Lane School, Birmingham) bt A Sargan, pts; E McDermott (Mellow Lane School, Middx) lost to S Kuznetzov, to 2nd; A Kirby (Christ's United School, London) lost to A Yakunin, pts; D Field (Sweyne School, Essex) bt V Nasibulin, pts; J Gallagher (Islington Green School, London) lost to A Durandin, pts; J Martin (Toretis School, Essex) bt D Rodin, pts; M Barr (Thamesmead School, Surrey) bt M Korsakov, rsc 2nd; C Rumbol (Fort Luton High School, Kent) lost to A Sabbeknov, pts. Best boxer: P Jones.

CYCLING

WILMINGTON, Delaware: Tour Dupont: Prologue time trial (4.98km): 1, J Nielsen (Holl), 5min 55.070sec; 2, R Alcala (Mex), at 10.882sec; 3, L Armstrong (US), at 11.967sec; 4, M Elliott (GB), at 13.398sec; 5, S Hegg (US), at 14.533sec; 6, S Swart (NZ), at 15.848sec; 7, R Kiefel (US), at 18.404 sec; 8, S Bauer (Can), at 20.079 sec; 9, S Yates (GB), at 20.711sec; 10, D Mann (GB), at 21.564sec.

DIVING

FORT LAUDERDALE, Florida: Alamo International Championships: Women's one-metre springboard: 1, S Koch (Ger), 245.58pts; 2, M Moses (US), 244.02; 3, A Pelletier (Can), 235.77; 4, M Clark (US), 212.46

GOLF

MARIETTA, Georgia: *Atlanta Classic*: Leading first round scores (US unless stated): 65: S Lowery; 66: D Pruitt, M Hulbert, M Carnevale; 67: N Lancaster, D Ogrin, W Andrade, N Henke, M Calcavecchia, J Huston, L Nelson, R Belarsdorf; 68: D Barr (Can), B Kratzert, S Simpson, J Elliott, P Burke, W Wood, B Eastwood, J Adams, T Armour, R Cochran.

TOKYO: Fuji Sankei Classic: Leading second round scores (Japanese unless stated): 134: H Mashiki, 69 65; M Ozaki, 67, 67. 135: Y Mizumaki, 67, 68; S Okuda, 66, 69. 136: T Watanabe, 69, 68; T Ueno, 66, 70. British score: 151: P Hoad, 74, 77.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Stanley Cup: Second round play-offs: Patrick division finals: Pittsburgh Penguins 3, New York Islanders 1 (Pittsburgh lead best-of-seven series 2-1). Adams division finals: Montreal Canadiens 4, Buffalo Sabres 3 (OT) (Montreal leads series 3-0).

REAL TENNIS

BORDEAUX: Women's world championship (GB unless stated): Third round: P *Lumley bt M Allen, 8-1, 8-0; F Daucher (Aus) bt S Newson, 8-0, 6-1; J Drewitt (Aus) bt S Macintosh, 8-3, 6-4; B Baker (Aus) bt S Herbert, 6-0, 6-4; S Jones bt B Bidouze, 8-2, 8-2; K Allen bt V Horn, 6-2, 6-3; A Garside bt J Lippincott (US), 8-1, 8-1. Quarter-finals: Lumley bt Daucher, 6-1, 6-4; Garside bt K Allen, 8-0, 8-3.*

HOLYPORT: BNB British Professional championship: Second round (GB unless stated): C Ronaldson bt A Lyons, 6-4, 6-1, 6-5; J Howell bt A Oliver, 6-1, 6-1, 6-0; M Devine bt H Latham, 6-1, 8-1, 6-0; C Bray bt P Brake, 8-3, 6-2, 6-1; M Gooding bt M Sadie, 6-2, 4-6, *6-1, 6-0. Quarter-finals:* L Daucher (Aus) bt K Sheldon, 6-3, 6-1, 6-2; Ronaldson bt Howell, 6-1, 6-3, 6-3.

SNOOKER

World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association rankings: 1, S Hendry (Scot), 50,050pts; 2, J Parrott (Eng), 44,200; 3, J White (Eng), 44,050; 4, S Davis (Eng), 43,700; 5, J Wattana (Tha), 41,450; 6, A McManus (Scot), 40,400; 7, W Thorne (Eng), 35,800; 8, T Griffiths (Wales), 35,200; 9, N Bond (Eng), 35,130; 10, D Morgan (Wal), 34,600.

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: Second division: Middlesbrough 64, Sheffield 44.

TENNIS

DAVIS CUP: European-African zone, Malta: Ukraine bt Benin, 3-0; Togo bt Djibouti, 3-0; Estonia bt Malta, 2-1.

WATER POLO

ATHENS: World Cup: Finals: Hungary 7, Australia 5, United States 7, Germany 7

HAMBURG: Men's ATP tournament: Third round: M Stich (Ger) bt T Musser (Aus), 7-5, 2-6, 6-1; M Gustafsson (Swe) bt K Novacek (Cz Rep), 2-6, 6-3, 7-6; I Lendl (US) bt M Onnuska (SA), 2-6, 6-1, 6-4. Quarter-finals: *E Sanchez (Sp) bt R Krajicek (Holl) 6-7, 6-3, 6-3.*

ROME: Italian Open women's championship: Third round: J Capriati (US) bt A Coetzer (SA), 7-6, 4-6, 6-2; M Navratilova (US) bt N Sawamatsu (Japan), 6-4, 6-4; C Martinez (Sp) bt N Herreman (Fr), 6-1, 6-0; A Sanchez Vicario (Sp) bt B Schultz (Holl), 6-4, 6-0; A Huber (Ger) bt I Gorrochategui (Arg), 1-6, 6-2, 6-0; F Bentivoglio (It) bt N Zvereva (Belarus), 7-5, 5-7, 6-4.

TAMPA BAY, Florida: Men's tournament: Second round: W Masur (Aus) bt B Dunn (US), 7-5, 1-6, 6-4; B Shelton (US) bt D Rostagno, 1-6, 7-6, 6-2; R Fromberg leads R Remeberg (US), 4-2.

LIEGE: Belgian Open: Second round: C Mothes (Fr) bt A Grossman (US), 6-4, 6-2; C Dehlman (Swe) bt N Muna-Jagerman (Holl), 6-4, 6-4; K Kachwendt (Lux) bt D Monami (Bel), 7-5, 7-6; K Nowak (Pol) bt P Langrova (Cz), 6-4, 6-4.

BRACKNELL: LTA satellite tournament: Men: Second round: S Hatia (Fr) bt J Simboost (Fr), 6-4, 6-1. Quarter-finals: M Tebbutt (Aus) bt B Larkham (Aus), 6-1, 6-3; L Matthews (Herts) bt J Delgado (Berks), 6-2, 2, 6-4; A Boust (Fra) bt S Hatia (Fra), 6-3, 6-4; R Matheson (Scot) bt N Gould (Avon), 7-6, 4-6, 6-3. Women: Quarter-finals: A Grunfeld (Lancs) bt L Woodcock (Surrey), 6-4, 6-2; M Vallin (Swe) bt K Nugent (Ire), 2-6, 6-1, 6-2; S Parhomenko (Russ) bt C Reuter (Holl) 6-3, 7-5; A Woolcock (Aus) bt S Siddall (Dorset), 6-4, 6-7, 6-2.

Clough sticks by his original decision

BRIAN Clough yesterday agreed to stick by his original decision to retire after 18 years as manager of Nottingham Forest after the club's final reserve team match next week (Chris Moore writes).

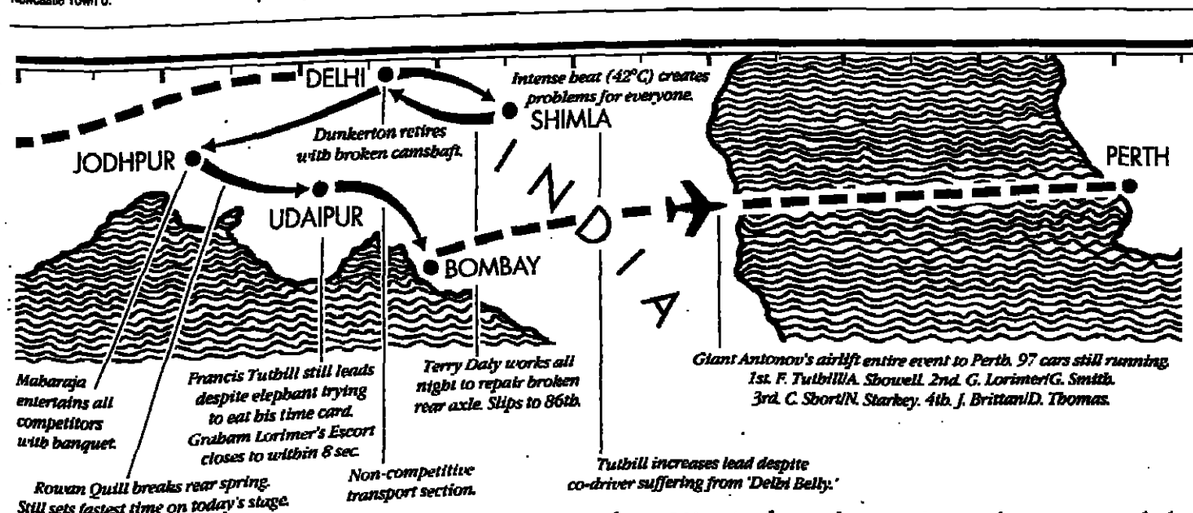
Clough cast doubt on his retirement plans on Thursday when he said he would not go while Chris Wootton, whose contact with a newspaper hastened his departure, remained on the board. But Fred Reacher, the Forest chairman, said after talking to Clough: "The matter is over and done with. I had a chat with Brian and he was fine about it. He said he would go as agreed."

Reacher's appeal for the resignation of Wootton, has so far failed. "He is still refusing to go," Reacher said. "I sincerely hope he has a change of heart because he really is degrading the club."

Aston Villa and Notts County have been charged with misconduct by the FA over their transfer dealings with the First Wave Sports Management company.

Villa signed the Australian goalkeeper, Mark Bosnich, from Croatia, the Sydney club, and County recruited Bob Catlin and Shaun Murphy from Warrington Dolphins and Perth Italia respectively. In each case the deals were arranged by the former Chelsea director, Graham Smith, of First Wave.

The clubs are alleged to have broken three FA regulations, among them that "no payment in respect of the registration or transfer of registration shall be made to an agent". The FA has unlimited powers of punishment, but it is highly unlikely that it would order points to be deducted.



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Challenger's antics add to the hype on eve of world title fight

Lewis rides out Tucker storm

FROM SRIKUMAR SEN
BOXING CORRESPONDENT
IN LAS VEGAS

THE attempt by Tony Tucker to out-psyche Lennox Lewis by screaming at him at the last press conference before their world heavyweight title bout here tonight could rebound on him and make Lewis's job easier.

Tucker's behaviour, reminiscent of Muhammad Ali's outburst before the Liston bout, was so outrageous and, in the eyes of his team, so successful in terrorising Lewis that they might feel inclined to leave the fight plans behind in the dressing-room and resort to similarly wild tactics in the ring.

Throughout the press conference Tucker twitched and rolled his head and punched the air. When Lewis started to speak, he jumped up and down, began screaming at the top of his voice, making growling noises and gnashing his teeth, and finally pushed a model that was supposed to be of London Bridge off the speaker's table. Whereas Ali got away with it because he was infinitely more talented than Tucker and his behaviour was not out of keeping with his character, Tucker's was totally alien to his nature.

It seems the stuff of boxing hype. Cedric Kushner, who promoted Tucker's first 22 contests, said the challenger was always a quiet, retiring and respectful type not given to making outbursts. "It's the sort of behaviour you might expect from people on drugs," Kushner said.

Tucker, of course, has been on a drug rehabilitation programme for 18 months and it is only natural for people to wonder if his behaviour is drug related. But it is more likely to be as a result of the influence of one of his trainers, Panama Lewis, who is reputed to have powers of suggestion. Tucker's chief trainer, Stacy McKinley, said that Panama Lewis's broken English "has a mystical effect on fighters".

Panama Lewis has served time in prison for interfering with the outcome of a contest. He removed the stuffing from his man's gloves some years ago just before a contest. This time he may have taken the stuffing out of Tucker.

Lennox Lewis remained his usual cool and dignified self throughout, smiling and looking a little bemused at times. In the ring he plans to make Tucker pay. But Lewis will have to be wary because Tucker, though he is not the man he used to be, can present a serious challenge. He has never been stopped — he is one of only three boxers to have gone the distance with Tyson — and, with just one defeat in 50 contests, he is not only more experienced than Lewis but also superior technically.

"It should be an exciting fight because both can be hit on the chin as they are not aggressive fighters by nature, and when they start exchanging punches they should be easy to hit," Jay Bright, who was in Tyson's corner when he met Tucker, said.

Lewis's conditioner, Courtney Shand, who has put Lewis through a special programme, said that the champion is in excellent shape and could out-punch Tucker. "Special exercises have made Lennox extremely supple," Shand said. "Suppleness helps recovery. That's why you will find men like Frank Bruno, who are so muscular, get tired quickly."

Tucker can be expected to put Lewis under pressure in the early rounds. However, being a former drug addict who spent months in a rehabilitation unit, his powers of concentration, reflexes and stamina may not be as good as they should be. His team has helped to keep his spirits up by shouting slogans in his ears. Every time Tucker moves about he is surrounded by a squad who look like furniture removal men. Tucker looks slow and, although he has an excellent right hand and uppercut, that could cause him trouble. He is not inclined to work too hard and has won his last 13 bouts against mediocre opposition by just doing enough to win.

Dan Duva, who once promoted Tucker, said: "He looks a shell of the man who fought Mike Tyson. He's been through complete drug rehab. Technically, he's a superb boxer but drugs do things to you and affect your concentration."

According to Lewis's camp, he will have to jump on Tucker straight away to break down his confidence, which has been skilfully built up by his cornermen. Tucker, on the other hand, could try to make it a messy survivor's contest by holding and wrestling to confuse the two British judges. However, if Tucker comes to fight he could be out of there by seven rounds.

If Tucker loses, it could mean that Don King, who is promoting the bout, is left on the sidelines of the most glamorous and lucrative division. King paid Lewis £6 million to defend against Tucker and hoped to entice him from his American promoter, Main Event.

However, King and the Lewis party have fallen out over a dispute about publicising the bout and the chances of King getting Lewis to box for him are remote, especially after he questioned the competence of Frank Maloney, Lewis's manager.

BLAKE SELL



Unmoved: Lewis keeps calm before his first defence of the World Boxing Council heavyweight title in Las Vegas tonight

Eubank and Benn to get £1m apiece



Eubank: in series

CHRIS Eubank and Nigel Benn will get the £1 million they have been wanting to face each other again (Srikumar Sen writes). Don King, the American promoter, said yesterday that the bout had been arranged and he would be promoting it in London in September or early October. "They will be receiving £1 million each," he said. "I just like giving money away."

The winner could go on to make another million as the bout is part of a tournament series that King intends to put on in Europe involving Benn, Eubank, Michael Nunn, James Toney, Darrin Van Horn, Franck Nicotra and another Frenchman or an Italian. The winner of the Eubank-Benn bout would meet Nunn and the one who comes through that contest will face Toney. The series begins in July and is expected to be televised by ITV.

☐ Glenn McCrory, the former International Boxing Federation cruiserweight champion, gave 31 pounds and a sound points hiding to Mark Young, of North Carolina, at the Riviera Casino, Las Vegas. But the landslide victory could prove costly for the Geordie from Annfield Plain. He damaged his left hand and was sent to hospital for an X-ray.

After a poor contest, McCrory was awarded the verdict over a third-choice rival by the margins of 97-91, 96-92 and 99-89.

Australians continue on winning way

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

WORCESTER (final day of three): Australians beat Worcestershire by five wickets

THIS was not quite the saunter in the sunshine it once promised to be for the Australians, but they headed south on the M5 last night with their 100 per cent record maintained in a game which looked alternately mismatch and stalemate before being breathlessly won, with an off-driven six by Steve Waugh from the penultimate ball.

Worcestershire deserve great credit on two counts. Their recovery from an all-out 90, and following on 172 adrift, was extraordinary. The subsequent decision of Tim Curtis, the captain, to set a target, when he could easily have made the game safe, was laudably in the spirit of these Tetley Bitter challenge games.

That the pursuit of 287 in 55 overs was almost derided by a second-wicket stand of 181 between Matthew Hayden and David Boon stayed within the symmetry of this baffling match. Its first four sessions produced 21 wickets and only 366 runs; its next four yielded four wickets for 536.

The bowling, of both sides, was seldom better than ordinary on a pitch which, while easier than on Wednesday, still offered inconsistencies. It was, however, hard to detect them from the batting of the game's dominant figures. Graeme Hick completed a majestic 187 and Boon scored his second hundred of the game from only 97 balls.

On a third day of unbroken sunshine, this was rich reward for another good crowd. Around 40,000 have watched the first six days' cricket of this tour and the appeal of the Australians will again be evident at Taunton, where Somerset expect to close the gates on a capacity 6,000 both today and tomorrow.

Mushtaq Ahmed, Somerset's Pakistani acquisition, arrived at the ground last evening and may yet play today. As the game will also feature Lathwell and Caddick on the county side against Hughes and McDermott, together for the first time on tour, it is likely to be an instructive three days.

Hick added only 26 yesterday, 24 of them in four strokes. Three of the sixes came in a single over from Warne, who, in all, bowled 77 balls to Hick and conceded 96 runs. No fewer than 132 of Hick's runs came in boundaries before he was leg-before, attempting something audacious against a straight one from Holdsworth.

Even this did not lighten the suffering of the Australians, for Seymour and Lampitt now added an unbeaten 121. Seymour's off drive was elegant, Lampitt's square cut fierce, and both men were fed a diet of their favoured strokes.

The declaration was eminently fair and Worcestershire did not take the field without hope of victory. It diminished rapidly under fire from Mark Taylor, though, and when he drove Radford to extra cover, Hayden and Boon opened the throttle a little further.

When Boon fell, to a slog which suggested he believed the game won, 35 were needed from six overs. Hayden lost his way and, eventually, his wicket, Martyn ran out Mark Waugh and was caught at long-on from the first ball of the last over. With 12 still wanted, enter the other Waugh, cool hand himself. There could have been no better man for the job, no better end to the game.

Scoreboard

AUSTRALIANS: First Innings: 262 (D C Boon 108)

Second Innings

M A Taylor c Lampitt b Radford	40
M L Hayden c Hick b Newport	66
D C Boon st Rhodes b Illingworth	106
M E Waugh run out	15
D R Martyn c Newport b Illingworth	3
S R Waugh not out	12
I A Healy not out	1
Extras (lb 4, w 8, nb 2)	14
Total (5 wkts)	287

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-71, 2-252, 3-262, 4-273, 5-275.

BOWLING: Newport 15-1-58-1; Tolley 9-2-40-0; Radford 7-1-56-1; Illingworth 12.5-1-70-2; Hick 6-0-33-0, Lampitt 5-0-26-0.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 90

Second Innings

T S Curtis lbw b Julian	67
W P C Weston c Taylor b Holdsworth	18
G A Hick lbw b Holdsworth	187
D B D'Oliveira b Warne	27
A C H Seymour not out	54
S R Lampitt not out	68
Extras (lb 10, w 1, nb 26)	39
Total (4 wkts dec)	468

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-21, 2-189, 3-252, 4-337.

BOWLING: Holdsworth 23-3-86-2; Reiffel 26-7-66-0; Julian 19-1-86-1; Warne 23-8-122-1; M E Waugh 15.1-2-59-0; Martyn 2-1-7-0.

Umpires: R Palmer and B J Meyer.

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Kentish lad beats best by Botham

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its sons away. Ian Botham struts sadly into his last season, surrounded by cricketers who, like policemen, have been getting younger and younger with every passing year. One by one, all Botham's proud records will be obliterated by the legion of youth. And now, I hear, that a record he has held for 25 years has been broken. Botham set an age-group record for throwing the cricket ball when he cleared 63 metres at the age of 12, back in 1968.

Tim Pamphlett, 12, from Maidstone, has managed 68 metres. And he isn't even a cricketer. "It comes from practice in other events," he said. Pamphlett has been shot-putting and javelin-throwing. As for eclipsing other Botham records: "I'm thinking of going into athletics," he said.

Cloister guard

It is May in England and I hear that, for the first time, an indoor cricket practice ground has been established *within the grounds of a British cathedral*. Batsmen take guard in front of a Gothic-arched window. This is a venture from The King's School in the city of Gloucester; Jack Russell who is (at least I hope he is) the once and future England wicketkeeper, formally opened the facilities recently. The head teacher, Peter Lacey, said both school and cathedral would benefit from the practice facilities: "You never know how many cathedral staff may pop in to use the centre," he said. "I think Canon Grey is a deft spin bowler."

Flocking in

My Cornish spy informs me that there will soon be a Cornish Grand National held for sheep. So: over to you again, Captain Brown — surely the most sheepish man in the country.



SIMON BARNES
Sporting Diary

There is ever-mounting opposition to Eton's plan to dig a rowing trench a mile and a half long straight through the meadows at Dorney beside the River Thames. A public enquiry opening next week will hear from, among others, the Open Spaces Society, whose secretary-general, Kate Ashbrook, says: "This pernicious proposal would devastate the peaceful, flower-rich meadows and destroy footpaths which are much used and enjoyed by the public. This is a thoroughly selfish scheme."

Shifting sands

Greetings to the 120 runners from Deal Striders who took part in a mile race on the Goodwin Sands on Thursday. They managed the difficult feat of the getting the race finished before the tide drowned the treacherous sands once again. The race ended in a tie between Hugh Jones, right, winner of the 1982 London Marathon, and Mike Gratton, who won it the following year.



Hell of an offer from Demons

I have a letter from the Wandsworth Demons. This is apparently a club devoted to Australian No Rules Football: in fact, the vice-president, Richard Dilger, was kind enough not only to enclose a copy of the alleged rules but also invited me to take part in what he insists is "the greatest game in the world". I am more touched than I can say by this kindness. League rules insist that teams must comprise half European community players and half rest of the world: in other words, this is not supposed to be an Aussie ghetto. I send my warmest greetings to the Demons: alas, I shall not be able to participate. I have a subsequent engagement.

Wrong number

You may think that being "media relations manager" for the Test and County Cricket Board will be a pretty tense-making job in an Ashes summer. Is there any one in for a sweatier summer than old Ken Lawrence? Well, actually there is — a chap called Peter Holland. He is the man you reach if you dial the mobile phone number suggested in the TCCB 1993 directory. Lawrence's real mobile phone has the same digits, but in a significantly differerent order. I rang Holland to ask him how many wrong numbers he had got so far, but I got an answerphone. I wonder what line of business he is in?

Pinched feel

Here is a sad tale about a footballer who takes size 15 football boots; at least, he would do if he could find any. Poor Andy Avery, who plays for a team in Barnstaple, has been playing in size 14s which keep splitting. He went to Newcastle when he heard of a shop that actually stocked 15s. But they didn't have any. Avery left a deposit and went home. Then the shop went bust. Avery is finishing the long season in boots held together with sticking plaster.

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STARTING TODAY: AN INSIDER'S INTIMATE STORIES FROM MARGARET THATCHER'S INNER CIRCLE



Scotch and sympathy



When his mother died, Margaret Thatcher invited her speechwriter **Ronald Millar** *(left) to lunch. In his new book, he describes the* tenderness of the Iron Lady

They stop you at the checkpoint at the side entrance to the grounds. They may know you — your face, your voice, your car, your registration number — but you get the treatment just the same.

These are country police, not capital city police, and at first glance appear relaxed and easy-going. They are in fact highly trained professionals. That morning they were cheerful. They are always cheerful.

"Hello, sir. Carrying any bombs today?"

"Bother. I forgot."

"No sense taking a look then, is there?"

I passed them my car keys and they went through the familiar routine, unlocking the boot, rummaging around inside, using the mirror-on-the-long-pole device that enables you to see the full length of a car's undercarriage, finally ramming the boot shut, locking it, handing back the keys.

"Right, sir. All clear."

"Better luck next time."

"Cheers."

I waved acknowledgement and drove on slowly, carefully up the path, turning first right then left, passing a couple of uniformed guards patrolling the grounds, rifles slung over right shoulders, into the quiet gravelled square with the high hedge that is the immediate approach to the house itself.

A feeling of total peace descends and you know at once why all prime ministers love Chequers. Since 1921, when Lord Lee of Fareham, encouraged by his wife, gave it to the nation, it has been the official country residence of the Queen's first minister, his — or her — point of calm and quiet away from the ferment of political life.

Chequers, in estate agent's jargon, combines size with intimacy. Flowers abound, bees hum, lawns are manicured, trees are tended, birds sing, and if you stay overnight in spring or summer you waken to the dawn chorus.

A small herd of cows contributes to the rural scene, but they are discreet as pre-war civil servants and the deliberations of visiting statesmen are not disturbed by a single moo.

"*The stately homes of England, how beautiful they stand/To prove the upper classes have still the upper hand*" sang Noël Coward in the early Thirties.

No longer. Get to be prime minister and, whatever your origins, Chequers and all that goes with it is yours for the duration.

She was standing in the doorway, no coat, no scarf, the wind blowing her hair about. In London it's lacquered for the ever-intrusive camera, but here in rural England, although the business of the nation continues discreetly to be conducted, life is as mellow, casual and relaxing as it can be made. Even so, standing in open doorways, an easy target for the hidden sharpshooter, probably breaches strict security. But the lady has no physical fear.

"In this job you can't afford it, you wouldn't get anything done."

I parked in the usual place and walked over to her. She is not a tactile person. She doesn't care to be kissed, opting for a sort of over-the-shoulder clasp, quite affectionate but avoiding frontal contact. However, for once she refrained from evasive action.

"Here you are at last. Good. I rang as soon as I heard. We've been looking for you since Thursday."

I nodded. "Your chauffeur told me."

He'd been waiting beside my car, which had been parked on a yellow line just off Kensington Church Street. This was as near as I could get to my London flat. Parking *permits* do not guarantee a parking *space*, as the leaflet kindly informs you.

She looked at me closely. "All right?"

"Yes. I'm fine."

"Come on in. There's a cold wind."

It was February 1983.

The Great Hall was warm and welcoming. There was a large log fire burning in the grate. The grand piano glistened with the flames' reflection. A Wren petty officer came forward with a whisky and soda already poured out. I could tell the scotch was strong from the colour. The three services staff Chequers in turn. I was glad it was the Navy that weekend. It made me feel specially at home.

"Thanks." I took a swig. It was strong all right. The drinks weren't usually that potent at Chequers. Someone had said something.

"I asked Number Ten to keep trying your number. Where were you, dear?"

"A girlfriend lives just down the road from me. I went there for a couple of days. I didn't fancy being on my own. Not right away."

"That's how I thought you might feel."

The message delivered by the chauffeur had been: "If you're a bit down, drop everything and come straight to Chequers."

"How old was your mother?"

"Three weeks off 90."

"Those are the kind of genes to have."

The tone was just right: crisp, unsentimental. I didn't want words of sympathy. The sympathy was in the invitation.

By now I'd been to Chequers a number of times but usually to work on a speech, not simply to be cheered up because cheering-up was probably what you needed most at the time.

"Was it peaceful?"

"Extraordinary. She just turned over and went to sleep."

"That's the way to go, if you can manage it."

The Wren came up. Not at the double, naval-style. Discreetly. Everything is discreet at Chequers.

"Luncheon is ready, prime minister."

"Let Mr Thatcher know, will you? Shall we go in, dear? Bring your glass."

There were no other guests. We walked through to the dining-room: dark panelled oak and a side view of the swimming-pool building, forever associated in my mind with that most gallant of consorts, Mrs Runcie, the wife of the former Archbishop of Canterbury. On a famous occasion she had done a series of belly-flops at a lunch party for Nancy Reagan. Unabashed by the whiplash sound, and no doubt pain, of belly smacking water like a rifle shot and echoing out beyond the terrace until it died away in the Chilterns, she had dived bravely on for the glory of the Church Militant.

We sat at the small round table by the window, used for meals when there are only a few guests. Through it Denis Thatcher could be seen practising putting while a Special Branch man solemnly fielded the little white balls. When he came in the first course was being served.

"Hello, my old. Good to see you. Understand your mum's moved on to better things."

"That's right."

"All in order."

"Absolutely."

"Well done." He sat down, inspected his plate. "I say, Thatcher, what's this?"

"An omelette, dear."

"I can see that. What's it made of?"

"Eggs, dear."

"Good heavens, woman, I know that. What I'm trying to establish is what's this grey stuff sloshing about inside?"

"Mushroom, dear.'

"Now we're getting somewhere." He looked at me and winked. I had the feeling he'd staged this little impromptu for my benefit to lift the gloom, if any. There wasn't, but he couldn't know that. A thoroughly decent human being, Denis Thatcher, shrewd, watchful, loyal to a fault and, although he referred to his wife as "The Boss", unchallenged master of his household.

Later she said: "We thought perhaps you might have gone back to Reading."

Reading? For a moment I was puzzled.

"When there's a loss in the family people do rather tend to return to their roots."

Well, perhaps. It hadn't occurred to me but she is *au courant* on family matters as, indeed, on one or two others.

"Anyway, I'm glad we found you."

I, too, was glad and wondered how many other prime ministers, with the daily, hourly pressures upon them, would have found the time to take the trouble.

I stayed through tea and drinks at six and let the peace of Chequers work its magic. English through and through. Chequers is balm for the troubled soul. When they came to the front door to see me off it was dark outside.

"Take care now."

"I'll do that. And thank you. Thank you for today."

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Gloomy forecast, whatever the weather

Why do we thunder when the sun refuses to shine?



WEEKEND *voice*

MARY KILLEN

This week the woods above our little house on the prairie have been transfigured. Bare oak seems to float in a violet mist as the most luxuriant carpet of bluebells I have personally witnessed makes its yearly manifestation. With our shoe-designing friend Emma Hope, we made the aerobics climb, but inevitably — for we were in the south of England — we found other worshippers of nature up there, also seeking solitude amid the woodland glory.

"Oh no!" hissed my husband. "Of all the paths through the wood, they had to choose ours."

We stood aside to allow a sixtyish couple to negotiate the muddy track and, after some visible territorial stiffening and hackle-raising, conversation began.

Traditionally walkers exchange clichés with other walkers they come across. The momentum might be lost if you said anything too interesting and then had to stop to enlarge on it.

"Lovely, isn't it?" I said to the couple, a pleasant expression on my face.

Their reply took us by surprise. We expected them to say: "Yes, isn't it?" But clearly they were victims of "news disaster syndrome", and were actively seeking out something depressing to focus on.

"Oh no, we're terribly disappointed," moaned the woman, who was carrying a tripod. "We've got all the way up here, and the sun has gone in. We've been waiting an hour to take pictures, but the weather seems to have turned."

We looked around the woodland heaven. It was true that the sun was not "out", but the beauty was still intoxicating.

"You really need sunlight to set them off for a photograph . . .," the man said gloomily, as though a full three-dimensional experience of it all, actually *being* amid the bluebells, was inferior to looking at a 6x8in photograph of them glinting in the sunlight.

"Yes, it's a shame," we agreed, nodding feebly, and left them. King and Queen Canute-like, staring bitterly at the clouds.

We have all heard of seasonal affective disorder, but far more common in my experience is "taking the weather personally disorder". The pathetic fallacy might be credible in a Thomas Hardy novel, but given that there are, say, eight million people in London, it is not reasonable to presume that nature is expressing the sentiments of all of them. Yet one farmer of my acquaintance, who is reasonably intelligent, says: "Although the most statistically likely weather for it to be is the same as it was the day before, you do start to take it personally. It does seem to be getting at you when day after day it's the same."

And our neighbour in Suffolk has had a grudge against the powers that be ever since her daughter's wedding reception, in anticipation of which she had spent hundreds of woman-hours toiling and teasing her garden to perfection. The sun beamed down every day for three weeks before and every day for three weeks afterwards, but on the day of the wedding itself a vicious lashing of rain and a Wizard of Oz-style storm practically uprooted the marquee. Nobody could go outside as it was like going into a car wash. "The trouble is," she told me, "my garden said more about me than anything else ever could have done. Now all those people who came won't have seen what the point of me is."

Yet we do live in England, so why are people surprised when something like this happens?

Weathermongering is another growth area. Two of my men friends have spent the last few months ringing each other to compare notes on their various water tables and the apocalyptic repercussions of the drought they expected. Their noses were put seriously out of joint when it was announced that the underground water supplies in their areas were back to normal and there would be no more hosepipe bans. Deprived of their drought anxiety, they switched to being concerned that "there has been too much rain recently, and we're a bit worried about the thin layer of topsoil on the downs . . . the uplands might be washed into the seas".

We have noticed that people's perception of the weather varies enormously. "Shocking weather," they sometimes say in our village when it is mild, with a gentle, rain-bearing zephyr from the west: and "it's cheering up a bit," when it is sunny, but with a desiccating, leaf-shrivelling wind to drive you mad.

Perhaps this is why weather forecasters try to be all things to all men. "Sunny in parts with showers in some areas . . ."

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CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1: TALES FROM MARGARET THATCHER'S INNER CIRCLE BY RONALD MILLAR

The bouffant explodes

For her last TV broadcast of the 1983 campaign, Mrs Thatcher's mood was all wrong. Who could tell her?

Come the 1983 election, I had been working for Mrs Thatcher for more than eight years, and we had become close friends. But in the political forest no relationship is roses all the way...

The last big rally a few days before polling day was the Conservative youth-cum-showbiz gathering at Wembley. I saw it on television while waiting to record her final broadcast of the campaign in a secret makeshift studio in the West End. I was taken aback. The showbiz element was overdoing the hysteria, and Margaret's exploding bouffant was over the top in more senses than one. I said to her favourite hair-and-make-up girl, "You see that hairdo. Do get her out of it as soon as she arrives." The girl said, "I can't, it's lacquered. I'd have to wash it."

"Then wash it, love, for *goodness' sake!*"

"There won't be time for it to dry and set."

This was ominous. Women's hair, like their clothes, can be soft and soothing or striking and provocative, the image signalling the inner mood. There was no doubt which mood Wembley was signalling.

When Margaret arrived with Ian Gow at the largely unfurnished building, hired by Tim Bell of Saatchi's, in Maddox Street off Regent Street to record the broadcast, my worst fears were confirmed. She was on the wrong sort of high, the adrenalin pumping furiously. The hysterical Wembley hoop-de-do, not her style at all, had roused her fighting spirit to an alarming level, her hair made her look formidable rather than appealing, her dress was a harsh blue, and she was making waves of a distinctly combative nature.

"Now then," she said briskly, sitting down opposite me to tea and cakes with Ian, Tim and Gordon Reece. "The final political. What have you got? What's it about?" Her tone was militant, aggressive.

"Actually, it's not so much about specific political items," I said, doing my damnedest to coo like a dove. "It's more of a mood piece."

"Ha!" she said, thumping her handbag and turning to Gow sarcastically. "What did I tell you? Ronnie will want me to do a *mood* piece, I said."

"That's right," I murmured in my Owl-to-Eeyore voice, which was probably a mistake. She picked up intonations fast.

"Well, go on, then," she said, for once not shading her eyes but glaring at me. "Let's have it." At this moment a Salvation Army band appeared at the top of Maddox Street, blasting flat out as it marched along Regent Street, summoning the godless to deliverance. I waited. Mrs Thatcher, though devout, looked for a moment positively pagan. In this atmosphere, I thought, "never in the field of human conflict" would have fallen flat.

Finally, I read what I had written and waited for the demolition job to begin. I was not disappointed.

"No! No!! No!!!" she flew at me. "The end's not all that bad, and there are a couple of paragraphs at the beginning, but as for the rest — I want facts, not moods. Facts, facts, facts!" The words poured out of her. "Facts about housing, facts about the economy, facts about the NHS — more nurses, more doctors, more dentists! More of everything! That's what we've given the country, and we're entitled to remind people and ask for their support."

"But, Margaret," I pleaded, "we've been reminding them for the past three weeks. They're up to their ears in facts. Don't you feel one can have too much of a good thing?"

"No, I don't," she said curtly. "We have an excellent record, let's spell it out. I don't know what you're after."

"A little warmth, perhaps? A little night music?"

"Night music? Night music? This is the final party political before a general election, and you want me to give them *night music?*"

"I was speaking figuratively."

"Listen, we're heading for the finishing-post. We want people cheering and shouting 'Maggie, Maggie, Maggie!' My word, you should have heard them at Wembley."

"I did."

"Well, there you are, then."

"I thought it was vulgar."

"You what?"

"I'm afraid I didn't like it at all. That comedian shouting 'Let's bomb Russia'. You shouldn't be associated with that sort of thing."

"For heaven's sake, it was a joke!"

"In very poor taste."

"Well, *really!*"

Fortunately, at that moment the make-up girl appeared. "I'm coming, dear."

She turned to me, "I'm sorry but it won't do," and then to Gow, "Ronnie's gone wobbly, you'd better find a rewrite man," and she disappeared into the make-up room.

I realised I had gone over the top but — more *dentists*? Hell's teeth, what was she after, the masochist vote?

Ian cast about for a non-wobbly wordsmith and eventually came up with Brian Walden. After three weeks covering and writing about the election, Walden had been on the town, celebrating with profound relief that the damn thing was just about over before returning home and falling into a deep sleep from which he had been woken with difficulty.

When he finally arrived around midnight, he looked wobblier than anyone. Strong black coffee was poured down him, and eventually a sort of mishmash central section of the broadcast was devised by the two of us.

Meanwhile the make-up girl had done a brilliant job on the PM's hair in record time, shading the flaming cheeks with a delicate pink blush and substituting a soft grey dress for the turbulent blue.

The effect on the lady's temperament was immediate. All aggression gone, she emerged gracious and emollient and immediately agreed to record both versions, the original and the mishmash. The mishmash was broadcast.

A few days later, Tim Bell ran a video of both for that fine actor and my good friend Anthony Quayle, who had seen neither, without telling Tony which was which. Without hesitation he instantly chose the original.

NEXT WEEK

- Tough but tender
- Midnight oil and speeches
- Mrs Thatcher and the BBC



Screen test: Ronald Millar (right) briefing Margaret Thatcher before her final television broadcast in the historic 1979 election campaign

Election order: get your hair cut

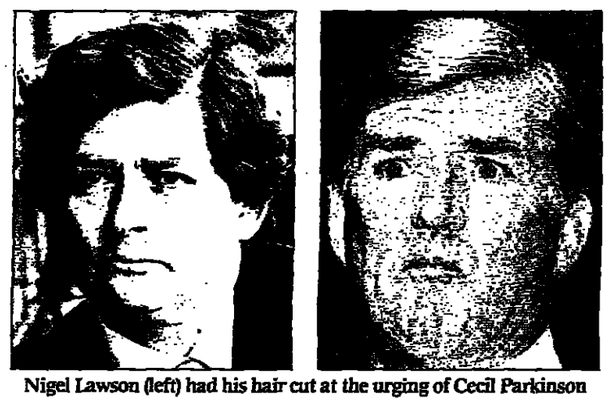
One afternoon in the middle of a speech-writing session in the study at Number Ten, Cecil Parkinson, who was again standing for his Hertsmere constituency, telephoned and asked for the prime minister. "Oh dear," she muttered, "is it urgent?" Apparently it was. He was put through.

After saying that the Conservative party was the smart party — he meant in dress rather than intellect though no doubt both were implied — he complained that certain Tory ministers on the stump and on television were letting the side down by looking either thoroughly scruffy or too ornate.

When she asked him to be specific he named the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Nigel Lawson, who, he said, badly needed a haircut, and Kenneth Clarke, whose dashing yellow waistcoat, said Cecil, appearing in colour on the nation's television screens, struck a note of levity that was inappropriate at this grave moment in our island story.

"Right... yes... right," sighed the lady, taking notes, and eventually hung up with a certain impatience.

"Well, *really*," she muttered, "I hardly think hair and coloured waistcoats will mean the difference between victory and defeat. However...", and she went to her desk, picked up the phone and asked for the Chancellor.



Nigel Lawson (left) had his hair cut at the urging of Cecil Parkinson

As he was only next door at Number 11, which, like Number 12, has a corridor connecting with Number Ten, it seemed to me that he might be requested to pop in for a moment and an entertaining little diversion on "hairstyles: how to win a third term" could be enjoyed by all.

When he came on the line, he was requested to see a barber at his earliest convenience. There was some confusion while it was established that no, she did not want him to see A for Anthony Barber (Ted's Chancellor) and that no, what she wanted cut was not the fiscal deficit or the health service but his hair.

He evidently agreed to a trim at least, because she said, "I would be grateful," and rang off. "Well, that's all right, then," she sighed. (Ah, but on a point of order, Madam Speaker, was it? Or was the memory of that trichological indignity stored up in the Chancellor's subconscious, one day to surface unforgotten and to play a crucial part in his dramatic resignation? We shall never know.)

She next telephoned David Young (Secretary of State at the Department of Trade and Industry) and asked him if he would be kind enough to speak to Ken Clarke about his waistcoat. (Clarke was Young's *number two at the DTI.*)

Clearly, at such moments, to be Young was *not* very heaven because he declined the assignment, presumably on the grounds that this was a matter of such delicacy and national importance that only prime ministers could handle it. Who finally got the job I don't know, but the waistcoat duly vanished from the nation's screens. Which I thought was a pity. Anything that lightens our political darkness is to be welcomed. Indeed, catching the mood of the moment, I felt a powerful urge to suggest that she had a word with Ted Heath, who at that time favoured the fuller fashion in hair, and warn him Old Bexley might go Labour if he did not do something about his locks.

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What a PM needs

WILLIE'S WAY: In the musical *Camelot* there is a song in which King Arthur, who is having wife trouble with Guinevere, his queen, meditates musically on "How to handle a woman". He comes to the conclusion that the answer is "to love her, simply love her, love her, love her".

The acknowledged expert at handling Mrs Thatcher was her deputy, Willie Whitelaw. Whether he followed Arthurian practice and simply loved her, loved her, loved her, I am unable to say, but it was Willie (as he was to everyone), a large man in every sense, who came closest to solving the problem. I would guess that a somewhat subtler approach was brought into play: the more she tried to behave like a man, the more he treated her like a woman. Willie's great strength was his loyalty, which enabled him to say things to her that others could not, not by virtue of his seniority, though that helped, but by a special kind of gallantry, the knightly suit of armour that he threw round her whenever she was under fierce attack.

One day at Blackpool, during a speechwriting session, Margaret said: "Every prime minister should have a Willie." I have never been entirely sure whether this was a Rabelaisian sally or a slip of the tongue. I think the latter has the edge because, when the explosive burst of laughter that greeted this observation subsided, she frowned and said sternly to her wordsmiths, "Everything that's said in this room is confidential. You realise that." "Oh, absolutely. Rather. No question," we chorused, crossing our fingers. I think she knew it would go the rounds, as of course it did. We owed it to Willie as well as to history, and when it was leaked to him (not by one of us, as it happened), he roared his delight until he wept.



Best friends: Willie Whitelaw was the acknowledged expert at handling Margaret

ROMEO Y JULIETA: After every party conference speech, a gift would arrive from Number Ten — usually a box of cigars. Only once was there a variation of this annual gift. After the Brighton bomb anything celebratory would have been inappropriate. The lady's sense of the fitness of things was as usual impeccable, and a few days later a dark grey pullover arrived instead.

A STRAW IN THE WIND: Another Chequers lunch celebrated Margaret Thatcher's tenth anniversary in office. She did not care for anniversaries. Trumpeting one's success, she felt, was tempting fate, but other people liked them so she went along.

On this occasion there were party grandees, members of previous cabinets and one or two from the current one. John Major, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, and by no means the most senior politician present, was the only minister who hosted a table. It was suddenly clear to me that this was a signal: here was her chosen successor, and she was presenting him as such for the first time.

A SMALL CELEBRATION: She has learnt on the grapevine that Stephen Sherbourne and Colette Bowe are organising a small dinner party for my birthday with a few close friends who have been a part of my political life for many years. At once she says that she and Denis would like to drop in for a pre-dinner drink. I am not supposed to know about this but I get to know and am touched and flattered.

The dinner is to take place in a small hotel off Sloane Street and the Thatchers arrive exactly on time.

DT: "When The Boss said, 'It's just a pre-dinner drink'. I said to her, 'What, only one?' "

There is more than one and they do not just drop in: they stay well beyond the statutory minimum, chatting away and obviously enjoying themselves as we enjoy their taking the trouble to be there.

They present me with a silver salver, inscribed "Ronnie — on your 70th birthday from Denis and Margaret". This unexpected and much treasured gift is typical of their thoughtfulness and generosity.

Eventually the PM looks at her watch and says to Denis, "We must go", but he takes no notice. She has to say it several times. Finally she rises from the sofa and in a commanding tone says, "If you want me to poach your eggs, come *now!*"

He sighs and turns to me. "Good luck, my old. Boss says I've got to go and eat some bloody egg or something. Have a lovely life. I have." Lovely man.

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Club man: "Have a lovely life," Denis Thatcher said

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Love is in the air, artificially inseminated or otherwise

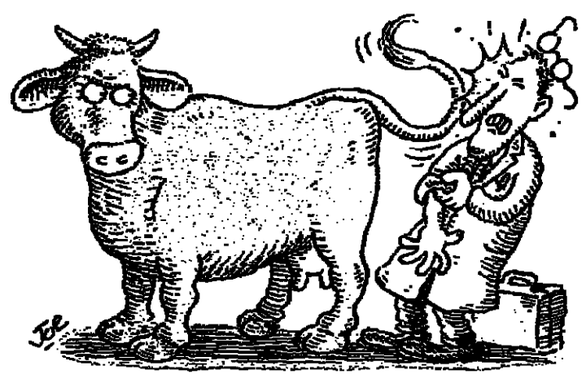
FARMER'S DIARY: PAUL HEINEY



No sooner had the news come through than I felt that I had to dash round the farm spreading the good tidings. I scampered across the dewy meadows to the highest point on the farm and, like Moses on Mount Sinai, proclaimed in my deepest and loudest voice, "Great news everybody. The recession is over! It's official." Alas, the livestock were hardly moved. I shouted it again to make sure they had heard. "Hey, everybody! The good times are coming." There was no response. I could see, written across their faces, that they had far more important matters on their mind.

Alice, the fecund Large Black sow, who has been served under two prime ministers, hardly felt it worth rising to her feet. Anyway, I suspect that going through her mind is the thought that more money in people's pockets means more to spend on the good things in life, and that inevitably leads to a longer queue at the farm shop for our special bacon. But I cannot blame her for being distracted, for her old beau Cyril, the Large White boar, has arrived with a view to producing another litter of Dalmatian-like piglets. Since he was last here he has grown even larger, and if he and Alice attempted the sty door at the same time, we would have the nearest this farm ever gets to gridlock. They sleep side by side looking like a sack of nutty slack and Bernard Manning in fond embrace. Unable to make any impression, I took the news to the carthorses, who have now been liberated from their winter quarters and are enjoying the freedom of the meadows. Except that they are not taking as much pleasure in it as they should, for the grass has been very slow to grow this year; we have had too many chilly nights and need a shower of warm rain. "The recession's over boys. Do you hear?" They hardly batted an eyelid, but looked sadly at the stunted sward as if to say, "No thank you. We'll just settle for a few more green shoots."

I moved on to the cows, and waited till they were all assembled: Sage, Prudence, Bilberry, Ronnie, Basil and Times Empress. "I have some very important news for you all." Sage bowed her head. "The recession has peacefully passed away. The good times are coming." Joy instantly spread through the herd. I could tell that because



Empress, the heifer, jumped a foot in the air, nuzzled Prudence and then, with one bound, playfully leaped on to her in order to share the tidings of great joy. Thankful that my message had at least been well received by someone, I turned and started for home. I had gone only a few paces when a worrying thought crossed my mind. I turned to look back at the cows and, sure enough, that heifer was still playfully mounting Prudence, who was not minding in the least. I guessed what was going on and it was certainly nothing to do with the news I had brought. "Pru-dence!" I shouted, giving her name the full French inflection as has become my habit since, unwillingly, watching an episode of *A Year in Provence*. "You bitch. You are not in calf after all!" I should explain that 21 days ago, Prudence was artificially inseminated and if she had "taken" she would not now be showing playful signs of coming on heat. You might think that AI is one of those modern farming practices which I shun: but I have decided that a quick visit from a man with a rubber glove and a test tube is better for the cow than a 100-mile trip in a lorry with her calves, even if there is a hunky bull at the end of it. We phoned the AI man. Dutifully, he once again carried out his fertile little task. We must now watch the cow carefully to see that she shows no amorous symptoms in another 21 days' time; otherwise the man will be back to exercise his rubbered arm and, if this should continue, I foresee him publishing a memoir — *A Year in Prudence*.

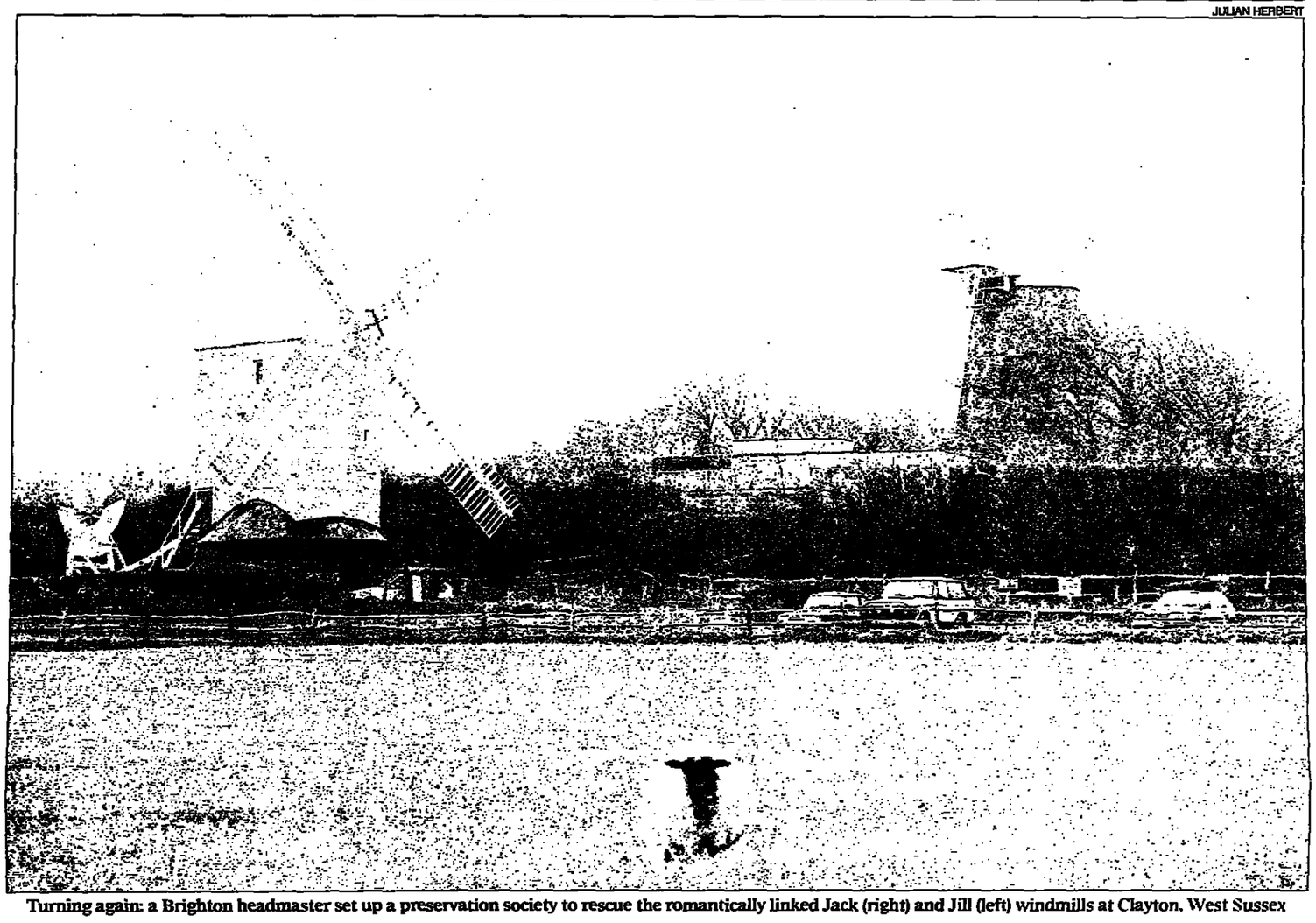
With the excitement over, I am now carefully watching Sage, the white cow, for she too has fallen for the AI man's charms. But she has that deceptive look that tells me she may be up to one of her tricks and be due for a passionate outburst of her own in a couple of weeks' time. She is a tease.

Meanwhile, over in the orchard, Alice and Cyril are making the most of their arranged marriage. Where only a couple of days ago I heard grunts of discontent, I am beginning to hear squeals of delight. Very loud and not unembarrassing ones. Love is in the air. Good times are just around the corner.

Full sail ahead into the wind

Enthusiasts have saved windmills all over the country, as **Kay Marles** reports

JULIAN HERBERT



Turning again: a Brighton headmaster set up a preservation society to rescue the romantically linked Jack (right) and Jill (left) windmills at Clayton, West Sussex

Windmills move in cumbersome and creaky ways, but what they lack in technology they make up for in romantic associations. Bradford Old Windmill in Wiltshire, which is today a small guesthouse, was the dream of the town's baker, who built it in 1806 but could not keep it going profitably beyond 1817. And Sussex legend has it that the Jill windmill in Clayton was dragged 12 miles from Brighton in 1852 by the local baker and a team of oxen, to make a pair with Jack, his existing mill. In reality it was probably dismantled and reassembled, piece by piece, on its new site in the South Downs.

Many decaying windmills are now championed by people who live near them. Thanks to this Quixotic tilting for windmills, several are open to the public, some even restored to working order. Sunday is usually the day when the sails turn and the millstones grind the grain to wholemeal flour.

But turning sails do not always grind corn. In East Anglia in particular, windpumps were used to drain water from the marshes — their sails, often covered in cloth, powered a scoop wheel at the bottom of the structure.

Norfolk is the best haunt of the windmill-lover. The remains of about 70 windpumps and more than 120 windmills are administered by three bodies: the Norfolk Mills and Pumps Trust, the National Trust and English Heritage. In various states of repair, many of them are listed. Those in search of wind pumps concentrate on the Broads, particularly at Stracey Arms, St Olaves and Thurne Dyke.

As the mechanics of translating the wind's power were refined, so the designs of windmills evolved. The oldest remaining style, and often the most picturesque, is the post mill. These were built of wooden slats around a massive upright post — the whole structure could turn 360 degrees so as to keep the sails in the wind.

More common tower mills are built of solid brick, and the sails are attached to a cap on top. The cap is the only part of the structure which moves, guiding the sails into the wind with the help of a fantail. Caps take a variety of forms: boat shaped, onion shaped or domed.

Windmills need at least three floors — one for the material to be ground, one for the stones, and one for the meal — but some were built with many more. At seven storeys, the Berney Arms windmill near Great Yarmouth is the tallest in Norfolk. Built to grind cement clinker, it was later converted to a drainage mill. Many corn mills were built in the mid 19th century and lasted for 100 years or more. Like the church spire of a village, they stood out as a distinguishing landmark and would have been a busy centre of activity.

On the north Norfolk coast the former Cley windmill, with a red brick tower and restored sails, is now a guesthouse and open to the public. It has two circular rooms, a barley bin and miller's room and, on the top floors, observation and information rooms. The Sibsey Trader windmill in Lincolnshire has six sails, and visitors can scale wooden ladders to its six floors.

The Wilton windmill near Marlborough in Wiltshire was bought by the county council and leased to the Wiltshire Historic Buildings Trust after extensive local lobbying. It was restored in 1976 at a cost of £25,000 raised by public appeal, and is started up every Sunday afternoon in summer by volunteers.

A Brighton headmaster spearheaded the campaign and formed a preservation society for the restoration of the Jack and Jill windmills in Sussex. The Jack windmill, a tower mill, passed into private hands in a previous landowner's will, but the society has spent £40,000 renovating the wooden Jill post mill and returning it to working order.

The late 20th century has contributed its own variation on the windmill form. Three windfarms have been erected, two in Cornwall and one in Wales, as part of the drive to use renewable energy. The dozens of tall, spindly towers with three spokes contribute directly to the national grid.

A new farm is being constructed in Powys with 130 such turbines. It will be the largest of its kind in Europe, and though it cannot be said to have the aesthetic appeal of its forebears, it pays tribute to their simple, clean and effective technology.

● *For leaflets, brochures and opening times, contact your local tourist information office. English Heritage administers the Berney Arms windmill, the Saxtead Green Post Mill in Suffolk and the Sibsey Trader Mill in Lincolnshire; contact the Cambridgeshire Area Office at 24 Brooklands Avenue, Cambridge CB2 2UB (0223 455535). The Norfolk Mills and Pumps Trust administers Stracey Arms, St Olaves and Thurne Dyke; County Hall, Norwich NR1 2DH (0603 222706). Wilton Windmill Society (0672 870427). Jack and Jill Windmills Society, 243 Chanctonbury Road, Burgess Hill, West Sussex RH15 9HQ. Bradford Old Windmill, 4 Masons Lane, Bradford on Avon, Wiltshire BA15 1QN (0225 866842). Cley Mill, Cley-Next-The-Sea, Holt, Norfolk NR25 7NN (0263 740209).*

Gardens to visit

● **Hampshire:** *The Manor House, Upton Grey (six miles southeast of Basingstoke, next to the church in Upton Grey).*
A beautifully-restored small Jekyll garden planted meticulously to the original plans of 1908-1910, with a rare informal wild garden (see page 7). Plants for sale. Open Wednesdays, 2-5pm, until end July. £1.50, child free.

● **East Sussex:** *Pashley Manor, Ticehurst (on the B2099 between A21 and Ticehurst).*
Victorian garden, beautifully renovated by the owners in collaboration with Anthony du Gard Pasley, a Jekyll expert. An exhibition of early Jekyll drawings and paintings from May 18-June 10 will cost £1 extra, child 50p. Plants for sale. Open Saturdays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays (and bank holidays), 11am-5pm. £2.50, child £2.

● **Oxfordshire:** *Greystone, Colmore Lane, Kingwood Common, Henley-on-Thames (between B481 Nettlebed to Reading road, and the Sonning Common to Stoke Row road; turn north at the Unicorn).*
Garden in woodland setting with unusual shrubs and hostas, geraniums, fritillaries and ferns; woodland walk, pear tree walk, ponds, Mediterranean garden. Plans for sale. £1, child free. Tomorrow, 2-6pm.

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Feather report

Saharan dandy shakes his tail

A flaming spirit is back in the woods: it is called the common redstart. You will find it especially in airy woods and parkland, because it flies about a lot and needs plenty of space. It has a bright red tail, and as it flies it seems like a swooping light in the shadows beneath the trees. When it perches, its tail constantly quivers and trembles.

Altogether it is a beautiful bird. It is the size of a large robin, and the male has a red breast, a black face-mask topped with white and a pearl-grey back. The female is browner but also has the restless orange-red tail.

The species is not as widespread as it used to be. Like the whitethroat, its numbers have suffered from drought in the southern Sahara, where it winters. But especially in the west of England, there are many redstarts singing and calling in the oak woods now. The song is short and rather clockwork-like, somehow suitable for such a brisk bird. You are more likely to detect it by its frequent calls, a sharp note followed by angry ticking.

It nests in holes in old trees, and this is when its colours are employed to greatest effect. The male courts the female by showing nest-holes to her: he peers out of the entrance, displaying the white band on his forehead, or else goes into the hole, pausing to vibrate his red tail behind him. At other times he will swoop conspicuously down to the hole from a nearby branch.

His flashing colours are also seen as he flies up to the female in courtship, or when he chases other males away, twisting and turning through the trees. Few birds animate the woodland so vigorously.

The other late summer visitors have also been arriving during the last week or two. Another bird that lives in the shade beneath the trees is the spotted flycatcher. But this is a sober-plumaged bird, inconspicuous until it darts out after an insect. Then you realise it had been sitting all the time on a low bough of the yew tree.

Looked at closely, you see that it actually has rather fine, streaky-brown plumage, with silvery-grey underparts, and also an interesting, hunched, alert look about it. Most often it flies up to take an insect with a snap of its beak, then returns to its lookout post. But if a fly dodges it, it will pursue it determinedly, wheeling and twisting as if on hairpin bends.

It likes to nest in wisteria on the side of a house, and when its young fledge, the garden is suddenly full of activity, as well as a great deal of noise from the anxious parents, who have two alarm cries. Churchyards are a favourite haunt, and I have sometimes seen a whole family of them all sitting on different tombstones, the parents hunting and the young crying out to be fed.

Also just arriving are the lesser whitethroats. This is a mysterious bird, not often observed though constantly heard. Its main song is generally described as a loud rattle, although I think it is really more like a rapid peal on a cracked and tuneless bell. It is quite common at the moment and can be heard a long way.

You will generally find that the singer is in the heart of a tall hedge or small hawthorn tree, impossible to see except as a shape glimpsed among the leaves and twigs. You also discover that it has another, completely contrasting song — a whispered little prelude of sweet and harsh notes before it bursts out with the full peal.

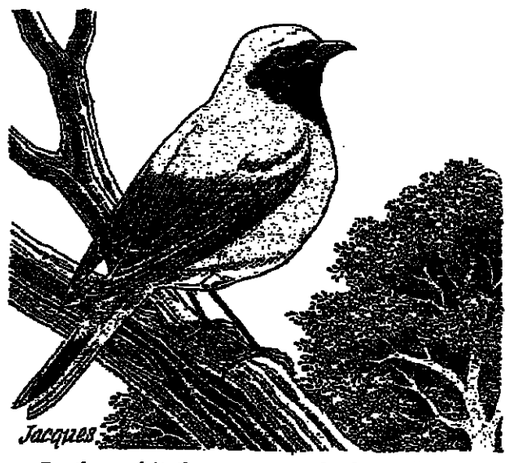
Just occasionally the singer will come out of the bush and give you a good view of it. It has a gleaming white throat, but is greyer than the common whitethroat and also has a dark patch over each ear.

When the common whitethroat was seriously down in numbers about 20 years ago after the southern Saharan drought, the lesser whitethroat was probably, for a time, the more abundant species, though the common whitethroat has now overtaken it again. The lesser whitethroat is unusual among summer visitors because it flies southeast, not south, in autumn, and winters in Egypt and the eastern Mediterranean.

Purring in the hedges, screaming in the skies — here are two more sounds that tell you summer birds are back. The purring birds are turtle doves: "burr-burr" they go, "burr-burr", like a soft-sounding telephone. They have splendid mottled-orange backs and fly off across the fields with an odd, flicking action of the wings.

As for the screams, they are blood-curdling but nothing to worry about. You hear them coming rapidly towards you, then a party of swifts explodes into sight and whirls over the roofs. Their long, narrow wings flicker into the distance and they vanish. But a few minutes later they are rushing past again. Forget the music of the countryside: this urban din is the surest sign that we are on the verge of summer.

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Jacques

Restless spirit: the redstart needs plenty of space

● **What's about:** *Birders — watch for swifts flying through the sky with scythe-like wings. Twitchers — purple heron, Brancaster, Norfolk; serins at Portland Bill, Dorset. Details from Birdline, 0898 700222. Calls cost 36p per minute cheap rate, 48p per minute at all other times.*

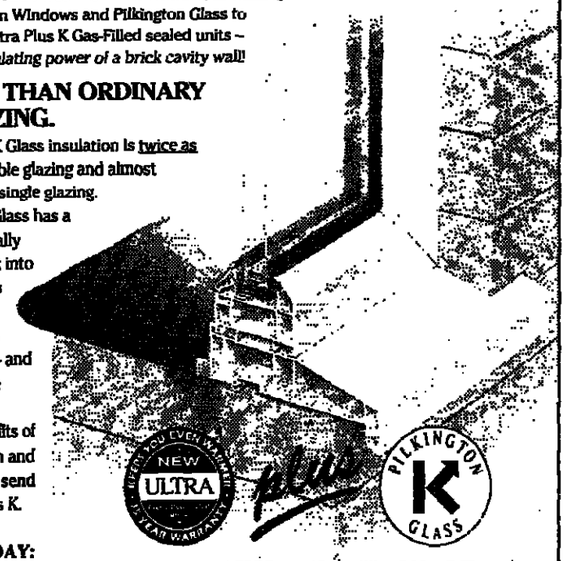
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Servers who only stand and wait

Robin Young describes the technical and 'interpersonal' skills needed to keep even the most fastidious diner satisfied

Last week I was a judge at the Young Waiter of the Year competition finals. The experience was a rather harrowing one for me (mine was the table that felt obliged to send its undercooked saddle of lamb back to the kitchen), but worse for competitor David James, from the Dorchester Hotel, who had struggled to carve the lamb as prettily as possible, and had to bear the bad news back to the chef.

The competition, like all too many restaurant managements perhaps, asked the impossible of the waiters. Mr James had to cope with unfamiliar surroundings and shortages of crockery, cutlery and glassware, not to mention us volubly troublesome customers.

He had to suggest a choice of wines, describe the ingredients and methods of preparation of the dishes, keep wine and water topped up, present bread rolls by picking them up between a spoon and a fork with one hand, and attempt to make pretty pictures on oversized plates with difficult pigments such as stringy parsnip *confit*.

We, the judges, were asked to comment upon not only his dexterity and ability to carry plates without dripping sauce or dropping knives and forks, but also upon his "interpersonal skills".

> I have been saucily bespattered in some of London's leading hotels

John Cousins, head of Thames Valley University's school of hospitality studies and chairman of the judges, said that most competitors this year had formal qualifications acquired after two to four years training on full or part-time diploma courses in which interpersonal skills (like handling complaints) take their place alongside product knowledge, technical skill (how to keep thumbs out of the soup, etc) and teamwork.

What does one want from a waiter or waitress? It varies, of course, from place to place. In an informal bistro, insouciant charm will make up for surprising amounts of amateurism, even extending to forgetfulness ("Oh, didn't I bring your vegetables — you could almost have grown them yourself by now, couldn't you?") and clumsiness ("crossed knives, unlucky for some, I think I'm going to be sacked").

In great and reverential dining rooms a dropped fork or shattered glass, part of the merry clatter of everyday life in a bustling brasserie, will ring out like the clang of doom.

But, wherever one eats, there are certain essentials that must be observed. The first is that waiting staff should not drop anything on their customers. I have been saucily bespattered in some of London's leading hotels, and even in one Michelin three-star restaurant in Paris. It is a sin one never forgives, no matter how profuse the apologies or effective the sponging down afterwards.

The second is that there should not be undue fuss. I do not begrudge waiters their moment of cloche-raising drama if that is the style of the house, but I do resent any flow of constant interruptions: "More bread?... will you take butter?... water, sir?... is everything to your satisfaction?..." Then again, I would rather be asked if I want lemon and ice in my table water rather than have both dumped there unrequested.

Worse still, of course, is brusque or rude interruption. On occasions in French restaurants I have been amazed at the contortions some waiters will perform to ensure that they can serve guests from the correct side. In others, though, I have been appalled by the suddenness with which a black-sleeved arm has shot across my face just as I was lifting a forkful of fodder mouthwards.

"Interpersonal skills" should obviously imply as complete an interdiction as possible on phrases such as "there you go", "how's that for you then?", and especially "have you finished?" when the plate is plainly empty. The cardinal offences, though, are resentfulness and arrogance. Waiters who do not enjoy helping other people, who have a chip on their shoulder about supposed subservience, who affect supercilious attitudes, or who think customers are clods who deserve no better than they get, belong in the dole queue.

Recently I attended the finals of another competition: Young Wine Waiter of the Year. I went with a strict instruction from my wife: if a certain finalist won, I was to cry in the loud voice of a furious backbencher: "Object! Object!" The reason? In his dining room, she had recently lunched with another lady. Their order, wine for one, water for the other, was taken by the young wine waiter without looking at them, while attending over his shoulder to something else. When he brought the drinks, he served them, again without a glance, let alone a smile, each to the wrong woman, and left. Happily for me he did not actually win — although he was placed.

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Who ordered the sole? "It is probably unreasonable to expect that waiters will devise any method for remembering who ordered what"

In most British restaurants long experience has taught me that it is probably unreasonable to expect that waiters and waitresses will devise any method for remembering who ordered what, even if they took the order themselves only moments before. Isn't it funny too, though, how often it happens that when the waiter asks: "Who ordered the sole?" the guests themselves cannot remember either? It presumably reflects the fact that, as a nation, we can still muster no more than a passing interest in food.

Waiters and waitresses should play their part repairing that deficiency. They are, in a very real sense, the salesmen and women for the restaurant trade. That does not mean they should be sneaking baskets of bread and nibbles on to the table as if they were free, when, in fact, they attract a charge, nor that they should be keeping wine glasses topped up to the brim in the hope of selling another bottle.

It does mean that they should make restaurant visits memorable and pleasurable, and an experience that the customers will quickly want to repeat. I am sure that on his home ground, at the Dorchester, Mr James does that very well. The Young Waiter of the Year, though, was, in the judges' final decision, his rival, Sion Parry from the Ritz.

Congratulations to all the finalists and competitors, and to the Restaurateurs' Association of Great Britain and their sponsor, American Express, whose organisation of the contest recognises that waiting at table is both an honourable profession and a highly skilled one. Would that all managements and all waiting staff felt the same.

RESTAURANT WATCH

Light Sunday suppers, local talent and a cowshed

SUNDAY OPENING
The Greenhouse
27a Hay's Mews, Mayfair, London W1 (071-499 3331)
Tomorrow night Gary Rhodes introduces Sunday suppers (6-10pm) at The Greenhouse, with a special menu of light dishes including curry, shepherd's pie, goulash and out-of-time ploughman's lunches and English breakfasts, *Robin Young writes*. Main courses start from £5 and draught beer is available in addition to wine. Sunday set lunches continue (12.30-3pm, £17.50). Weekday opening hours are 12-2.30pm and 7-11pm. Reckon on £30 to £45 a head for *à la carte*.

TESTER TASTER
The Droveway
30a Southgate, Chichester, West Sussex (0243-528832)
Jonas and Elly Tester have relaunched and renamed their restaurant, Thompsons, dropping the name inherited from a former proprietor, introducing a no-smoking room, and starting Sunday lunches. Jonas, who used to cook in Paris, has also recruited local talent to reinforce his daily changing set lunch menu through a competition: granny Clara Smith's victorious rice pudding takes its bow this week. Open Tuesday to Sunday 12.30-2pm and Tuesday to Saturday 7-10pm (after-theatre and concert bookings also accepted). Lunch £11.50 for two courses, £14 for three; £15 on Sundays. Reckon about £50 for two *à la carte* with wine.

MAN OF HARLECH
Llew Glas
Llanbedr, Harlech, Gwynedd (0341 23555)
Trevor and Marjorie Pharoah have revived their popular Harlech brasserie in more manageable and accessible premises outside town, a converted barn once known as "the Cowshed". Llew Glas, though, means "blue lion". The *à la carte* menu includes dishes, all indicated by codes, for vegetarians, vegans, gluten avoiders, and portions for children (smaller servings of adult dishes, *not* fish fingers and chips). Dinners only, until Whitsun Thursday to Sunday 7-10pm, and from Whitsun seven days a week, 5.30-10pm, children's menus till 7.30pm.

Goodies to make a gourmet truckle

Sarah Woodward fills her basket at the Pannier market in Tavistock, where local produce is the stuff of dreams

There has been a market in the pretty Devon town of Tavistock, on the edge of Dartmoor, since the original charter was granted in 1105 to the monks of the Abbey of Our Lady and St Rumen. In the mid-19th century, the Duke of Bedford made a gift to the town of the building in which the market is still held today, a big barn of a place just off Bedford Square.

Called "Pannier", after the wicker baskets in which local people brought their produce from the surrounding farms and smallholdings, the Friday market was originally dedicated to food, including livestock. The market tariffs for 1859 state that the charge to traders for a pannier of suckling pigs was a penny ha'penny, and thruppence for a cartload.

Today, food stalls make up only a small element of the Friday market. What they lack in number, they compensate for in quality. You may not find suckling pigs, but you can buy home-made hog's pudding. In fact, there is everything you might need for the table, almost all of it locally produced. Big brown farm eggs for breakfast, with perhaps a jar of Devon honey spread on freshly-baked bread; for lunch, fish from Plymouth that positively gleam with health: thick butter, yellow clotted cream and home-made scones for tea.

If, after all that, you can think about supper, you could try a joint of venison from Green Cuisine, run by Dennis and Sue Green, who turned their land at nearby Sampford Courtenay over to deer farming four years ago. The meat is hung for a minimum of a week and is butchered by Mr Green before finding its way to the market in the form of steaks, sausages, roasting joints and braising cuts, unless it has already been used by Sue in one of her home-made pies or ready-cooked dishes — the venison and apricot casserole is especially good.

Something in the soil of Sampford Courtenay seems to produce gourmets. For this is also the home of Gary Jungheim and his family, committed cheese-eaters and owners of the Natural Life cheese stall. The Jungheims wanted to sell locally-produced cheeses, but they could not find exactly what they were looking for. So they devised their own recipes and asked Rachel Stevens, of Curworthy Farm in nearby Jacobstowe, to bring her technical knowlege to bear.

The result is three unique hard cheeses. St Petroc, named after a 6th-century saint of Devon and Cornwall, is flavoured with tonic wine from Buckfastleigh Abbey; St Rumon, the saint of Tavistock Abbey, gives his name to a cheese that contains fresh chives, celery and parsley; and the powerful Trehill, named after Mr Jungheim's own farm, is a firm cheese studded with garlic and chives. All three are made with full fat milk and vegetable rennet, fashioned into small truckles and matured for six weeks. The St Rumon, popular with local pubs, is also made into large rounds and matured for six months.

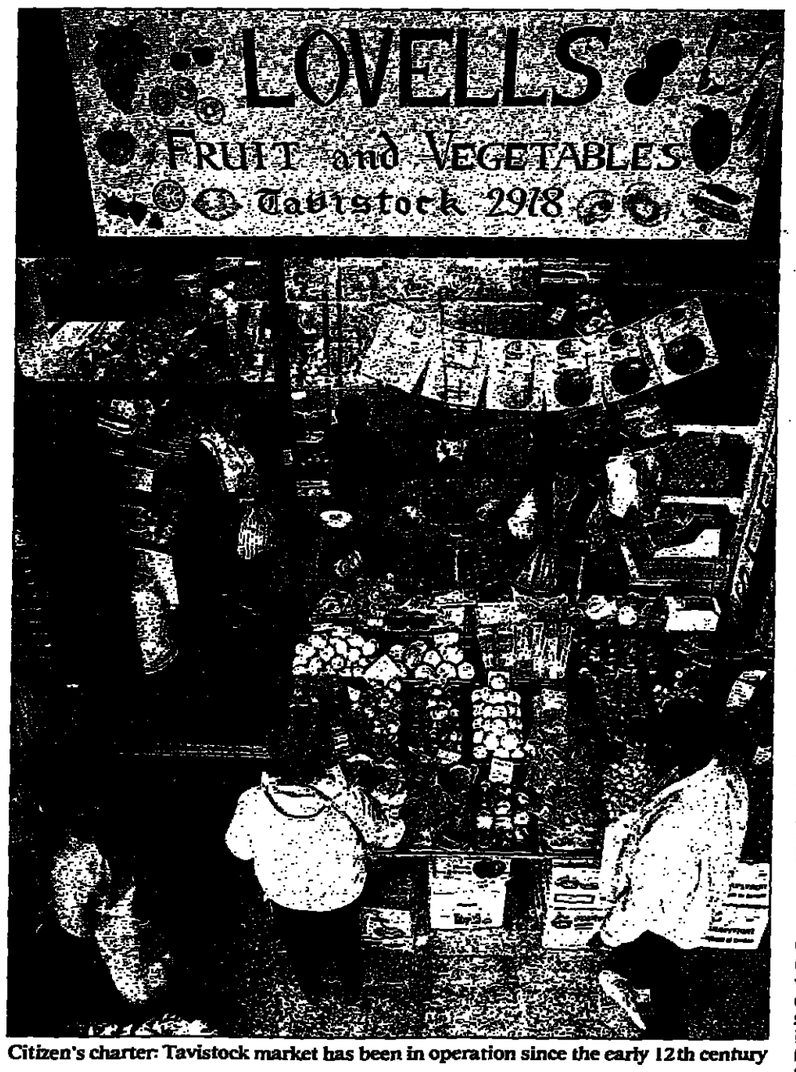
Production is still on a small scale — at present running at one batch every three weeks, with each batch containing between 80 and 100 cheeses. Like all good cheeses, the batches vary. "But what's better," Mr Jungheim asks, "permanent mediocrity or a cheese that's sometimes absolutely wonderful?"

More than half of his production is sold through the Pannier market, and he also stocks a wide range of cheeses from other local producers. Curworthy Farm produces four cheeses of its own, all available on Natural Life's stall. The Traditional is made from unpasteurised milk to a 17th-century recipe. When matured for six months, this becomes Devon Oke. The other two are Belstone, a softer vegetarian cheese, and Meldon, the Traditional flavoured with Chiltern Ale mustard. Mr Jungheim also has Tala from Cornwall, a full-fat ewe's milk cheese; another sheep's milk cheese, Beenleigh Blue, from a farm near the Dart estuary, is available only between August and January, because the sheep are milked only from March to July. The same farm makes Devon Blue from milk produced by its herd of Ayrshires.

My favourite was Quicke's mature unpasteurised Cheddar, from Newton St Cyres, near Exeter, a cheese with real bite. But all the cheeses are of the highest standard — probably because Mr Jungheim will stock only those he likes to eat himself. So does he sell any foreign cheeses? "Well, I do like this St David's — from Wales."

● *Tavistock's Pannier market is open every Friday and on the first and last Saturday in the month, 9am-4pm; Natural Life's stall is open in the market hall 9am-4pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Its cheeses and other local products are available by mail order from Trehill Farm, Sampford Courtenay, Okehampton, Devon EX 02RZ (0837 840684, fax: 0837 840510).*

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Citizen's charter: Tavistock market has been in operation since the early 12th century



Say cheese: Elise Jungheim at the Natural Life stall

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Green shoots of recovery

Frances Bissell sings the praises of succulent, tender English asparagus



PLAIN is best with asparagus — simply steamed or boiled, and served with melted butter, a grinding of black pepper and, perhaps, a shaving of lemon zest. Fresh, green English asparagus is hard to beat.

For me, asparagus is one of that dwindling band of eagerly awaited seasonal treats, to be feasted on when available (it is in season for the next few weeks) and then forgotten for another year.

Asparagus soups are excellent. In the French culinary repertoire, the word *argenteuil* will indicate the inclusion of asparagus (Argenteuil is the small town near Paris which used to supply the capital's asparagus needs).

Eggs are good with asparagus — hence its affinity with mayonnaise and other egg-based sauces. Omelettes filled with thin asparagus or sprue are delicious, as are the tips cooked with scrambled eggs.

If you are planning some large-scale entertaining in the next few weeks, you can hardly do better than an asparagus feast, a buffet of asparagus dishes incorporating some of the ideas I have already mentioned, together with some of the following recipes.

As a contrasting starter, I would serve a platter of *salume* (cured Italian sausages and hams), some Parma or San Daniele prosciutto, some Felino and Napoli salami, and perhaps some thinly sliced *coppa* (cured shoulder).

To follow the asparagus course, I suggest a small selection of English farmhouse cheeses, including Wensleydale. For a pudding, I can think of few things nicer than a chilled caramelised rice pudding, set in a large shallow dish.

Wine suggestions: Asparagus is not as difficult to match with wine as is sometimes thought. With our first asparagus meal of the season we served a 1988 Moselle Spatlese which was a perfect match. Red Loire wines served cool or lightly chilled and white Rhône wines also go well with asparagus.

Oriental vegetable salad

(serves 6)

Dressing

2 cloves garlic (new season if available), peeled
2in/5cm piece of lemon grass or 1 tsp grated lemon zest
pinch of coarse salt
2 Kaffir lime leaves (optional)
basil and mint leaves
1 tsp toasted sesame oil
1 tbsp lime juice or rice vinegar
5-6tbsp groundnut oil
1-2tsp soy sauce

Roughly chop the garlic and crush it. Add the lemon grass sliced and crushed with the salt. Stir in the oils, vinegar and soy sauce. Shred the herbs and stir into the dressing.

Vegetables

½lb/230g slim green beans, topped and tailed
½lb/230g green asparagus tips
salad leaves
5oz/140g fresh shiitake mushrooms
5oz/140g oyster mushrooms
2tbsp groundnut oil

Steam or poach the green vegetables, drain and mix with half the dressing. Put salad leaves in a bowl or on plates. Slice the mushrooms and fry in the oil. When just done, toss in the remaining dressing. Put the green vegetables on top of the salad leaves and the mushrooms on top of that.

Anglian salad

(serves 8-10)

2-3lb/900g-1.35kg new potatoes, preferably Jersey Royals
6 free-range eggs
¾lb/340g asparagus tips
6-8oz/170-230g home-made mayonnaise, crème fraîche or Greek yoghurt
fresh chives or chervil
salt, pepper

Scrub the potatoes and cook until just done. Boil the eggs for five or six minutes. Cool slightly and peel them. Break off the asparagus tops about 2in/5cm from the top and drop them in with the potatoes for the last five minutes of cooking. Drain the vegetables and, when cool enough to handle, halve or slice the potatoes and put in a bowl with the asparagus. Remove one of the egg yolks and chop the remaining eggs. Mix with the vegetables and fold in the mayonnaise and herbs, and season to taste. Line a salad bowl with Cos or Little Gem lettuce leaves, heap salad in the middle and sieve egg yolk on top.

The remaining asparagus stalks can be used for the following soup.

Asparagus, garlic and potato soup

(serves 6-8)

3pt/1.7l vegetable stock
1 onion, peeled and chopped
1½lb/680g potatoes, peeled and chopped
1 head of garlic cloves, peeled and sliced
1lb/455g asparagus stalks, peeled and trimmed, if necessary, and chopped
a few sprigs of thyme and tarragon
skimmed milk
seasoning

Divide the stock between two saucepans. Put the onion, potato and garlic in one, and the asparagus in the other — the thyme with the potatoes and the tarragon with the asparagus. Cook each until the vegetables are soft and allow to cool before blending and sieving separately, the paler soup first.

Return the soups to the two saucepans, thin down with skimmed milk or stock as necessary, reheat and season to taste. Pour into a large, heated soup tureen from opposite sides so that the two colours swirl together.

For the next recipe, first line a Swiss roll tin (approximately 9x13in/23x33cm) with greaseproof paper, and butter it. Heat the oven to 180C/350C, gas mark 4.

Asparagus, almond and Parmesan slice

(makes 6-8 slices)

4 size 3 free-range eggs, separated
¼ tsp ground white pepper
pinch of nutmeg
pinch of salt
½ tsp Dijon mustard
2½oz/70g self-raising flour, sifted
1½oz/40g ground almonds
1½oz/40g freshly grated Parmesan

Filling

¾lb/340g whole fresh asparagus
2 or 3 free-range eggs
1oz/30g unsalted butter
seasoning

To finish

toasted flaked almonds
freshly grated Parmesan

To serve

melted butter, seasoned with a little lemon juice

Put the egg yolks and one egg white in a bowl over hot water, together with the seasoning, nutmeg and mustard. Whisk until pale and fluffy. Whisk the egg whites to firm peaks. Fold the flour into the egg yolks, then fold in the almonds and parmesan and finally fold in the egg whites. Spread in the prepared baking tray. Smooth the top, and bake for 12 minutes in the top half of the oven until just springy. Turn out on to a clean, damp tea towel and peel off the greaseproof. Cut into three.

Prepare the filling by breaking the asparagus in pieces, boiling and draining it. Remove the tips for decoration and make a purée with the rest, sieving if necessary. Boil the eggs for four to five minutes, shell, chop and mix with the asparagus. Mix in the butter and season to taste.

Sandwich the pieces of sponge with two layers of asparagus filling. Re-roll and leave for half an hour or so to let the flavours develop. Slice with a sharp knife and arrange on a platter or individual plates. Scatter on the almonds, sprinkle with cheese and decorate with asparagus tips. Hand out the sauce separately.

Chilled caramelised vanilla and lemon rice pudding

(serves 8-10)

3oz/85g round grain rice
1 vanilla pod
zest of lemon
2pt/1.15l full cream milk
sugar to taste

Caramel topping

6oz/170g granulated sugar
3-4tbsp water

Put the rice, vanilla, lemon zest and milk in a saucepan or ovenproof dish. Cover and cook slowly until the rice is tender and the milk absorbed. This can take a couple of hours in the bottom of a low oven, more like 40 minutes on gentle heat on top of the stove.

When cooked, remove the vanilla pod, split and scrape the seeds into the rice. If the lemon zest has not cooked away in the rice, remove it. Sweeten the rice to taste. (At this point, if it is very thick stir in a little cream). Spoon it into a serving dish and smooth the top. Chill.

Put the sugar and water in a saucepan over gentle heat and stir until the sugar has dissolved. Raise the heat and cook just until the sugar caramelises, turning golden brown, and pour it over the rice pudding.

The caramel will harden immediately on contact with the chilled surface. This is by far the easiest method of caramelising the top of crème brulée, I find, unless you have a super-efficient grill, which I do not.

DIANA LEADBETTER



Fill every inch with bins

BUILDING A WINE CELLAR: 2



SIMPLE cellarers, having found their ideal storage spot, will want to fill it with wine at once. Smart cellarers know that a little pre-planning and thought over the placing of bins and other cellarage details are what's needed next.

In the old days, when houses with cellars were more common than they are now, wine storage was a simple affair. Each large, arched, bricked-up hole in the cellar was known as a bin, and wine was stored floor to ceiling, bottle on bottle, flush with the brick until the bin was full.

Today, the modern version of the bin is the simple square wood and metal wine rack. This era's version is superior to its predecessor in that single bottles can be removed and replaced in the rack without disturbing others. I still think that these metal and wood racks, with holes so that they can be screwed to the wall, make the simplest and best of bin designs.



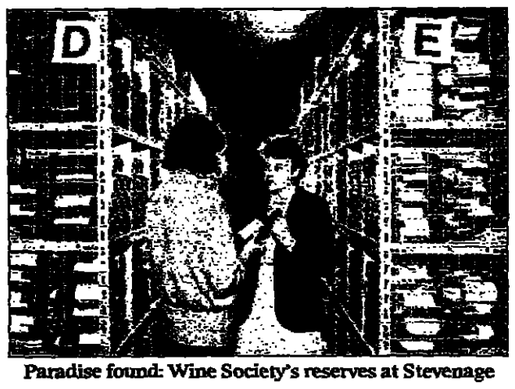
BUT they do rust if untreated, and care needs to be taken when removing bottles in order not to scratch labels; pristine labels are vital if you intend eventually to sell part of your cellar to finance other purchases.

Majestic Wine Warehouses offers the cheapest and most varied range of wine racks, I have found, including a useful made-to-measure bin service. This is priced at 60p a hole, or 65p for a double-depth hole, useful in that twice the number of bottles can be stored on the same wall space, but you will need the depth. Magnum and half-bottle racks are also available at 60p a hole and are worth investing in. Majestic also sells standard racks, in a variety of sizes: £14.40 for a 24-hole size and twice that for a 48-hole version. Oddbins' two sizes are cheaper.

Fancy wine bins made in a variety of materials and sizes can also be had. I have seen dozens of different styles from ugly, cumbersome terracotta to the high-tech, minimalist black hoops on sale at the Conran Shop and Smith & Taylor. These are expensive, but have the advantage that bottles can be slipped in and out of the hoops without scratching the labels. If you have money to spare, you may want to invest in elegant, wooden diamond-shaped bins, best utilised by storing a dozen or two of the same wine, as single bottles cannot be removed easily from the stack. Again Smith & Taylor can supply tailor-made birch-ply or oak versions.

Once you are equipped with tailor-made wine racks, utilising every inch of your cellar, it is extraordinary how many bottles can be stored in the smallest space. Work out a system that enables you to find each bottle once you have binned it. The simplest method is to give each horizontal row a letter starting with A, and each vertical one a number starting with 1, so that the hole three rows down and two in is C2. The great advantage of this find-a-bottle-in-a-bin method is that each hole is coded, and racks can be emptied and filled at will without misplacing bottles. But make certain every time you fill a bin with new bottles that their location is noted down in your cellar book.

It is worth remembering, too, that important *cru classé* clarets are worth more in their original boxes than in your racks, so if you ever intend to sell, do not unpack them.



Paradise found: Wine Society's reserves at Stevenage

If there really is nowhere in your home to store wine properly, think about buying a Eurocave. These temperature-controlled wine-cellars-in-a-cupboard look like large wardrobes, and can be stored anywhere you have the space and an electric socket. Not unlike a giant fridge, the advantage of a Eurocave is that it keeps wines constantly at the correct temperature. The disadvantage is the price: Eurocave 210E stores 210 bottles and costs more than £1,000.

Spiral Cellars, a French invention now on sale here, is an even swankier instant cellar. Well, fairly instant, in that a big hole has to be dug under your garage, kitchen or wherever, a watertight skin inserted, followed by spiral concrete shelves — hence the name. The cheapest 400-bottle size will set you back about £2,500, with installation costs likely to be £500 plus.

Simple cellarers will need a cellar book to record their purchases in. This vital bit of cellar equipment can be just a loose-leaf file.



YOU can rule it up yourself, or else buy the rather grander, but just as practical, version sold by Lay & Wheeler of Colchester. Sensible cellar books have columns for the name and quantity of the wine purchased, plus the supplier and the price you paid for it, leaving a big space for tasting notes together with the dates you drank it on. Columns for the bin location of the wine makes sense. A comment each time on the maturity, or otherwise, of each bottle is the best note of all. This is, after all, the whole point of simple cellarage.

Next week: storing wine at wine merchants, plus how to work out which cellar wines you really need.

JANE MACQUITTY

● *Majestic Wine Warehouses, 55 Victoria St, St Albans (0727 847912). Smith & Taylor, Chelsea Bridge Cellars, Broughton St, London SW8 (071-627 5070). Eurocave, c/o IFM Martock Business Park, Great Western Rd, Martock, Somerset (0935 826333). Spiral Cellars, Spinney Cottage, Headley Rd, Leatherhead, Surrey (0372 372181). Lay & Wheeler, 6 Culver St West, Colchester, Essex (0206 764446).*

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● **1992 Basilicata Bianco, J. Lurton,** *Tesco, £2.99*
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CHRIS HARRIS



Imbibing knowledge: oenophiles try out the serious business of wine tasting — "from there it was a case of learning discernment, or at least what we liked"

Good advice from his master's voice

Liz Gerard joins some eager pupils in a Bordeaux classroom to learn the art of wine tasting from an acknowledged maestro

The meal is planned, everything seems under control and there is plenty of time to bathe and relax before the guests arrive. Suddenly realisation dawns: that special claret is shivering in the garage, and there is no chance of it being ready to drink at dinner. Worry not. Take off the lead cap and microzap it on full power for 40 seconds.

Or perhaps the sauvignon is still sitting on the kitchen worktop, when it should be lying in the fridge. No problem. Just bung it in the freezer for half an hour.

Sacrilege? Daft tips from a cheap weekly magazine? Not a bit of it. This is advice from his master's voice — in this case James John, a master of wine and wit who is quietly chipping away at the great wall of pretentiousness that separates wine buffs from the rest of us.

Mr John usually shares his gems with students of his Bath Wine School, but for those who want to see the grape growing as well as flowing, he has joined forces with VFB Holidays to conduct three-day courses in Bordeaux and Champagne. For these he came well prepared: he was the only man at the Gatwick check-in trying to export a dozen boxes of wine to France. This, he explained, once ensconced in the classroom at the Hotel Sainte-Catherine, was so that he could be sure of having exactly the right wines to demonstrate each point.

It was worth the effort. His lessons skilfully straddled all levels of interest and knowledge, from the plonk drinker to the enthusiast.

Our group sported the usual fourth-form mix of swot, show off, mischief maker, etc, each of us anxious for teacher's approbation. Instead of bringing him an apple, we would return from four-hour lunch breaks with tales of a 1983 St Julien. The long lunches were a reminder that this was supposed to be a holiday, but the thirst for knowledge easily matched the thirst for a taste of fine wines. Even in the evenings, there was no respite, and at dinner Mr John would have to pontificate on his selections from the hotel wine list.

In class, he gave us a quick run-through of how vines are grown before knuckling down to the serious business of tasting. This is highly technical. First you have to learn to swirl the glass — to bring out the smell. Then there is the sharp intake of breath when you taste — motor mechanics must be naturals. And finally, you *are* allowed to swallow.

Now comes the difficult part: the description. Some people took to this like pigs to truffles, blithely chatting about gunsmoke, lychees and cedar wood. I managed "delicious" for a 1985 Château Nenin Pomerol, which Mr John said would be even better in four years' time. "It's going to taste like sautéed wild mushrooms," he declared.

For all the laughter, the session did teach us to identify one grape from another, and from there it was a case of learning discernment, or at least what we liked.

The reward for the first day's hard labour — all four hours of it — was a trip through the Médoc to look at a lot of gnarled twigs poking through the gravel. Some of these were at Château Lafite, where we were privileged with a tour and a sip of last year's vintage — drinkable in 15 years' time.

Back in the classroom the next day, it was time for the truly practical: how to read a wine list, how to recognise faults and how to store, serve and slurp the stuff. Even the advanced students had flawed wisdom about "room temperature" and "letting it breathe", hence the microwave and freezer tips.

The graduation ceremony took place in the local wine store, where we pointed enthusiastically at the names of châteaux we had passed on our travels. Then came an end-of-term party, with a cut-throat game of dominoes using tiles with wine names in place of numbers.

It was time to return home and to Sainsbury's to assess the stock. I can recognise the names. I can swirl the glass, but there is one thing that needs a little practice: keeping a straight face while announcing: "... as the manager of Château Lafite was telling me last week ..."

● *Discovering Wine holidays include Air France flight to Bordeaux or Sealink ferry to Calais or Dieppe for Épernay, four nights' accommodation, four four-course meals and all wine. Prices from £415 to £550. Liz Gerard was a guest of VFB Holidays, Normandy House, High Street, Cheltenham, Glos., GL50 3HW (0242 526338). James John's Bath Wine School, The Old Byre, Priston, Bath (0761 470093).*

Play truant from the vineyards

BORDEAUX is a compact town, which is just as well if holiday sightseeing is to be jammed in between wine-tasting classes: many of its main attractions are within a few minutes' walk of the Hôtel Sainte-Catherine.

The imposing Grand Theatre, with its dazzling gilded interiors, is just around the corner, dominating the Place de la Comédie, and it is only another five minutes to the towering Monument des Girondins and the magnificent equine waterfalls that surround it.

The monument is on the edge of a vast market, a dusty combination of fine art fair and car boot sale. Here, you could pay as much for a scruffy decanter as for a Louis XV chair — and there can be few places with such a choice of ancient perambulators and children's motorcars.

Culture vultures will enjoy the Museum of Decorative Arts with its charming *salon* settings, while the Beaux Arts offers an interesting collection of paintings and sculpture, including some by Veronese, Titian and Matisse. Bordeaux also boasts a natural history museum, and a wonderful public garden.

The thrill of being in bed after Madonna

Suite dreams in a hotel near the world's most famous shop

IT FELT odd to pack a bag on Saturday afternoon at my flat in Notting Hill, west London, and ring for a minicab to go to the Hyde Park Hotel. The minicab was so clapped out that on arrival at the Edwardian hotel perched opposite Harvey Nichols, down the road from Harrods in Knightsbridge, I asked the driver to stop a little before the front door. If I was to stay in a suite, like the stars, then I wished to arrive like one.

The doormen, like extras on a stage set, played their part to perfection. One figure, in a braided jacket, whisked my bag away before I could climb the steps. (Would it ever find my room? It did.)

Another said: "Good afternoon, madam," as though I were a regular guest.



Inside, the hotel bears witness to its former incarnation as a block of "residential chambers for gentlemen". Hyde Park Court was built with all the confidence that late Victorian architecture could muster: gilded ceilings, classical pillars, marble floors. The hotel was among the tallest buildings of its time. Lambasted as a Tower of Babel, it led to an act restricting future buildings' height to 90ft and two storeys.

In 1908 it opened as the Hyde Park Hotel, and if you had to pinpoint one reason for its success, it must surely be its proximity to the world's most famous shop. Prime ministers and pop-stars have all stayed here. Presidents Gorbachev and Reagan stopped by, not to mention Pavarotti and Madonna.

I was most interested in Madonna. My teenage years had been nourished by Madonna-worship, and I had been promised the same £1,500 royal suite that she had taken. She had used six rooms — two sitting rooms, two bedrooms and two marble bathrooms — but that seemed excessive for me, so I settled for three.

It was rather like staying in a pretty country house. Pictures by Donato Forte, a scion of the Forte dynasty that owns the hotel, gave it a domestic feel, flowers a rural one. The bedroom had an enormous, rather intimidating bed, given an extra frisson by the thought that Madonna had slept in it.

I spent the rest of the afternoon shopping across the road. But despite some brief flights of fancy when I thought I had Madonna's means, I returned for tea empty-handed.

Then I met Mr Richards. He was my butler, an inscrutable Jeeves figure although born in Vietnam. I only regretted that I didn't have shoes to be polished or much else to ask of Mr Richards. At dinner I didn't do justice to the speciality of Italian dishes without the rich sauces. Feeling my figure was far from Madonna-like, I merely opted for the light tagliatelli and monkfish.

I slept until 10.30, but luckily I hadn't missed breakfast. A quick call and Mr Richards arrived with a trolley of goodies.

The hotel had arranged for me to go riding in Hyde Park. I rode around sedately for an hour, enjoying the spring sunshine. Initially I had been reluctant, firstly because it meant leaving the hotel, and secondly because I didn't think it was what Madonna would have done. But she would have approved of the exercise. Anyway, I couldn't go on pretending to be Madonna for ever.

RACHEL KELLY

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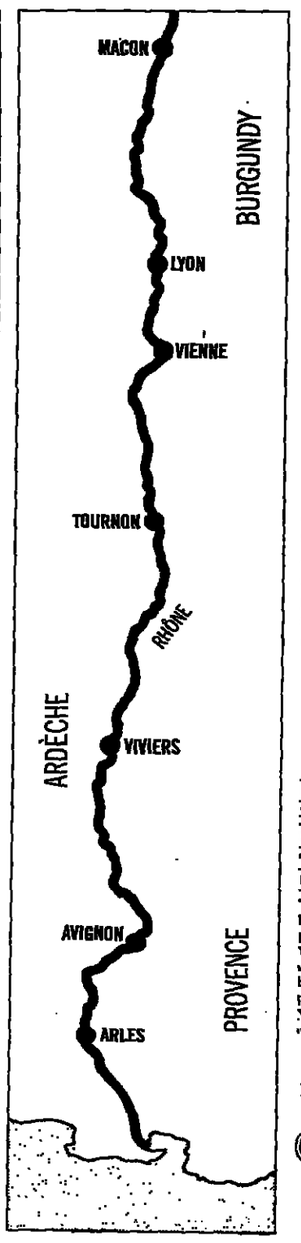


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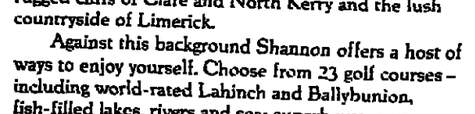
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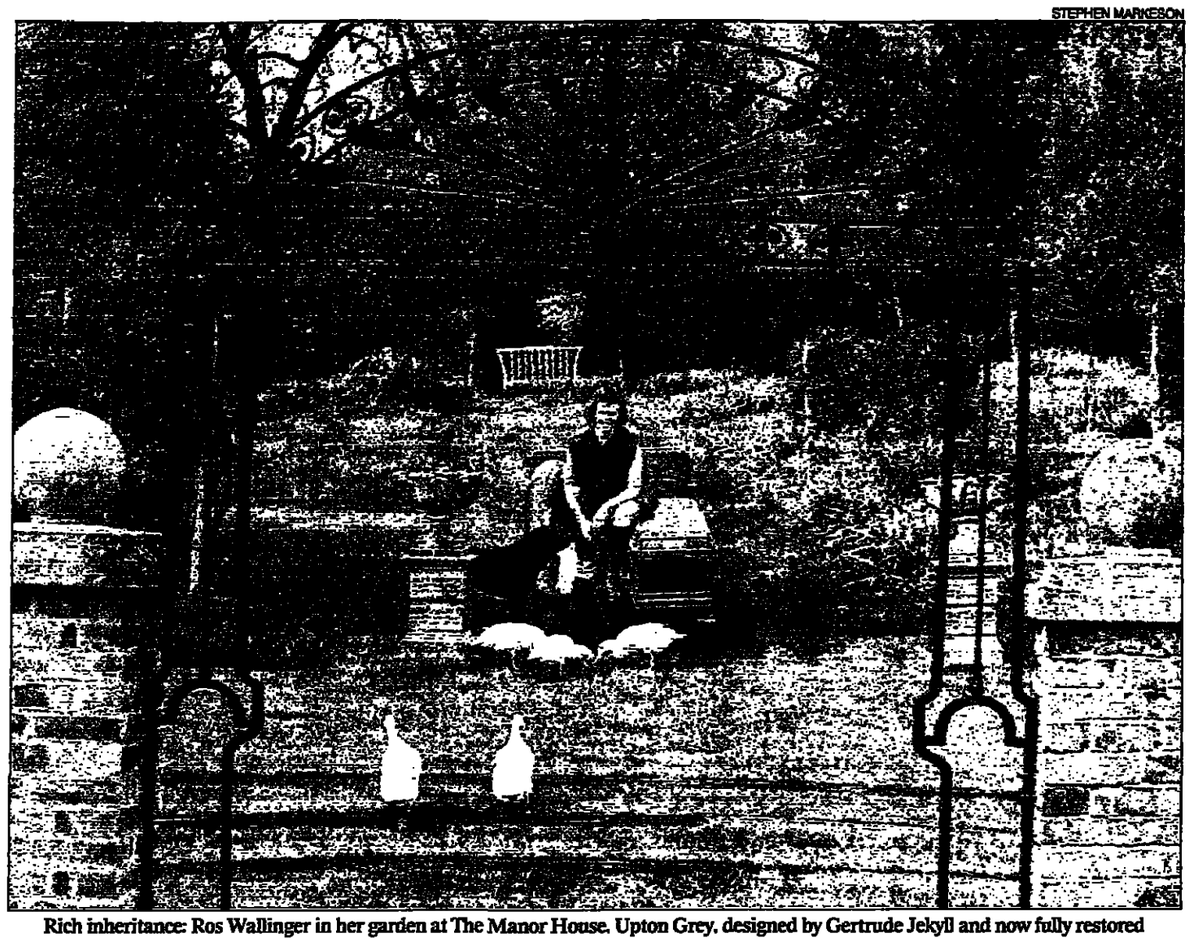
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Legacy of a legendary name

Francesca Greenoak traces the influence of Gertrude Jekyll

STEPHEN MARKESON



Rich inheritance: Ros Wallinger in her garden at The Manor House, Upton Grey, designed by Gertrude Jekyll and now fully restored

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the birth of Gertrude Jekyll, an exceptional figure in English gardening. Her book, *Colour Schemes for the Flower Garden*, a great success when it first appeared in 1914 (running to eight editions), is again a bestseller in 1993: an exhibition at the Museum of Garden History to celebrate the anniversary shows how strong her influence on contemporary ideas is. Her views on the harmonising of colour and form, reinterpreted and developed internationally, have resulted in some of the loveliest gardens in the world.

Miss Jekyll introduced ideas that have become commonplace: planting in drifts that merge one into the other, to make walking along a border an experience of unfolding colours and textures. She combined lilies, ferns and hostas in shady beds, and planted winter-flowering laurustinus to complement the pink flowers of the wide-leaved bergenias.

The exhibition, at St Mary-at-Lambeth in south London, shows that in addition to Miss Jekyll's acknowledged painting and embroidery skills, she also undertook interior design for distinguished patrons such as Lord Leighton. In her youth she travelled, sketching as she went, and brought back ideas for gardening, such as the use of large pots, judiciously adapting them to British requirements. She also recorded and gained practical skill in a number of rural crafts, including dry-stone walling.

She brought a range of artistic and practical rural skills to focus on her gardening, "painting" her landscapes as surely and imaginatively as she ever did a canvas. She also had a happy knack of attracting and remaining friends with influential artists and patrons, the most exceptional being the architect Sir Edwin Lutyens, for many years her partner. Together they worked to achieve a unity between architecture and planting.

Many of the plants Miss Jekyll customarily used were rare or difficult to find, and she grew supplies herself in the nursery at her home in Munstead Wood. She was evidently a shrewd businesswoman, methodical in fulfilling her specifications.

Few of Miss Jekyll's gardens have been maintained as she planned them, although several, such as The Manor House, Upton Grey, Hampshire, have been or are now being restored. Her ideas have come down to us mainly from her writings and the gardens she left behind.

One of the most powerful of her protégés has been Graham Stuart Thomas, whose advice and designs for private and National Trust gardens have in turn been the inspiration for a later generation of gardeners. Miss Jekyll's garden at Munstead Wood made a deep impression on him when he visited her there in 1931. He realised then that it was neither the rarity nor the difficulty of growing a plant that exerted greatest sway with her, but its dramatic impact within a garden design.

In fact, stout-hearted, easily grown plants, such as lavenders, bergenia, the velvety stachys (lamb's ears) and yucca, are among her signature plants. Miss Jekyll is associated with grey and silver-leaved plants because she used them to stunning effect in borders, but her range of colour stretched to flaming reds, orange and golds, which included cannas, Kniphofia (red hot pokers), scarlet dahlias and even salvias and African marigolds.

● *Gertrude Jekyll: a Celebration, at the Museum of Garden History, St Mary-at-Lambeth (next to Lambeth Palace, by Lambeth Bridge), until August 8. Open Monday-Friday 10.30am-3pm; Sunday 10.30am-5pm (closed Saturdays). £2.50; catalogue £5.*



"Jehu Driving Furiously", an oil painting by Gertrude Jekyll (1865)

WEEKEND TIPS

- *Transplant hostas into pots if snails are eating the young leaves.*
- *Divide and prune water lilies that are outgrowing ponds.*
- *Neatly tie in wandering new shoots of climbers (especially clematis).*
- *Protect the new green shoots of potatoes by earthing them up. This should also promote the formation of the potatoes' underground stems.*
- *Plant hanging baskets, and keep them under shelter to become established, gradually acclimatising them to outdoor life.*
- *Sow your herbs, such as basil, dill and parsley.*

MY PERFECT WEEKEND

ANDREA WONFOR

Arts and entertainment controller, C4



Where would you go?
Arles, where the Rhône fans out across the marshlands of the Camargue. Arles was home to Vincent Van Gogh from 1888 to 1889, when his eyes first discovered the magic of the Provençal sun and its effect on colour.

How would you get there?
Fly to Marseilles, then car.

Where would you stay?
In the old Hôtel Jules César, opposite the cafés and the wonderful Saturday morning market.

Who would be your perfect companion?
My husband, Geoff, with whom I first discovered Arles 20 years ago on a camping holiday, on FFr10 a day.

What essential piece of clothing would you take?
Swimsuit.

What medicines would accompany you?
Kaolin and morphine, so we can eat all the local food without fear of repercussions, mosquito cream, Ambre Solaire.

What would you have to eat?
Salade niçoise heavy on the anchovies, freshly-baked pizza smothered in herbs, bouillabaisse with hard bread and mustard sauces.

What would you have to drink?
Any local red wine, pastis clouded in icy water, coffee — there is nothing better than a deep, wide cup made to last half-an-hour in a pavement café.

What books would you read?
Julian Barnes's latest; *The Tin Drum* by Gunter Grass, which I re-read every five years; and Virgil's *Aeneid*, to remind me of Arles' Roman roots.

What music would you listen to?
Gypsy Kings, they're from Arles.

What would you watch on television?
Sky News. I'd also see what the French channels are up to.

What film would you watch?
Dances with Wolves, long cut.

Would you play any games or sport?
Boules — deceptively relaxed but which requires killer accuracy and fierce debate on tactics.

What luxury would you take?
A sketch book.

What piece of art would you like to have there?
Van Gogh's "Starry Night on the Rhône" (the view has hardly changed).

Who would be your least welcome guest?
Anybody English, especially Peter Mayle.

Which newspaper or journals would you read?
Friday's *Times* on Saturday. Saturday's *Times* on Sunday.

What three things would you leave behind?
An incorrect telephone contact number, my suits, my English.

What three things would you most like to do?
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Who would you send a postcard to?
My dad, who introduced me to Van Gogh.

What souvenir would you bring home?
Dried flowers.

What would you like to find when you got home?
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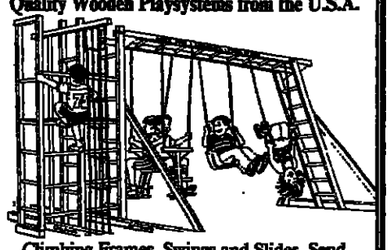
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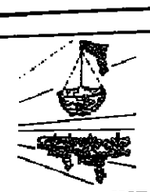
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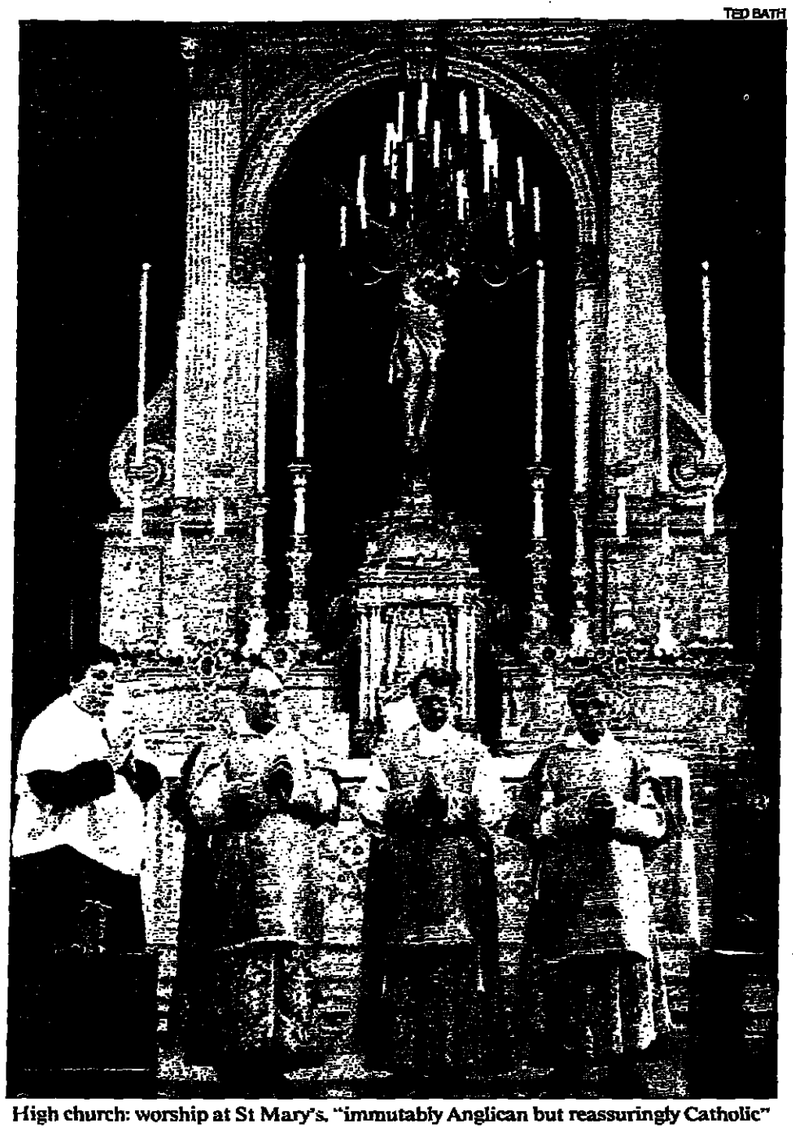
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ALTHOUGH the words Church of England are marked clearly on the noticeboard of St Mary's Bourne Street, in London, an unobservant passer-by might easily mistake it for a Roman Catholic church. But for a person to do so, and perhaps make his or her way instead to the evangelical St Michael's Chester Square around the corner, would be to miss an experience of worship which many believe today is endangered.

St Mary's is a leading light in the Anglo-Catholic or High Church wing of Anglicanism. It is one of the few churches which can be described with some justification as traditionalist, or more Roman than the Romans. The board outside, on a discreet red-brick Victorian exterior typical of Catholic churches built in the last century, advertises Mass, not Holy Communion. The Rev Bill Scott is known as the parish priest, not the vicar, and is addressed by all as "father".

Anglo-Catholicism grew out of the Oxford Movement, begun in 1833 by John Henry Newman, John Keble and Edward Pusey to defend the Church of England against the prevailing extremes of Protestantism and Romanism. After an internal struggle which, in many ways, mirrors today's debate about women priests, Newman began to doubt the claims of the Anglican church and became a Roman Catholic in 1845, leaving Pusey and Keble as the "movement" leaders. Many Anglo-Catholics, including the agriculture minister John Gummer, believe the vote to ordain women priests was the death knell for the Oxford Movement.

Some of these are contemplating following Newman down the difficult road to Rome. But worship at St Mary's, where debate about women priests is muted, should convince many that not only will it take a lot more than a controversial decision by the General Synod to put an end to Anglo-Catholicism, but the church might even be strengthened as a result.

As if in sympathy with the upheavals testing the very foundations of the traditionalist wing of the church, St Mary's shuddered repeatedly during our worship, as London Underground trains rattled underneath. In the porch, a copy of a 1989 joint declaration by the former Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, and Pope John Paul II, advocates the pursual of the arduous journey to Christian unity, "whatever obstacles are perceived to block the path". No amount of juddering can shake it from the wall. Books on sale include some published from Faith House in Westminster, from where the response of the opponents to women priests is being co-ordinated by the umbrella group Forward in Faith.

At St Mary's, worshippers have one thing in common: a love of tradition and of the sacraments, such as communion, penance and baptism. According to the Catholic Media Office in London, High Mass and Low Mass no longer exist in the Roman Catholic Church, and there is only Mass. Sung Mass at Catholic churches is often referred to colloquially as High Mass, however, and in the Anglo-Catholic wing of the Church of England, High Mass is a thriving institution, a heady feast of song, incense and ritual.

The service was based on the traditional Anglican rite for communion, with additions from the Roman missal. The church seemed full, with about 150 people. Worshippers included Augustine Hoey, a world-famous missionary, and Alan Porter, manager of Wippell, the clerical outfitters.

The service opened with the introit procession, with clergy, laymen and altar servers bearing a cross and candles, and waving a silver censer. One of the servers turned out to be Gordon Dulieu, communications officer for the liberally-inclined, pro-women priests' Southwark diocese across the river. The three men leading the worship assumed different roles, indicated by their dress. Fr Scott was in the role of deacon and wore a gold silk dalmatic, diaconal equivalent of the chasuble, over a white linen and lace alb. The celebrant was the Rev David Priest, a non-stipendiary clergyman, whose full-time job is group manager for St Mungo community trust, an organisation in Fulham that looks after people who come out of psychiatric hospitals. He wore a gold silk chasuble over an alb. Michael Mundy, who as a layman was the representative of the congregation, wore a gold silk tunicle over an alb. All three wore birettas, a square cap worn normally by Roman Catholic clergy.

At the Gloria in Excelsis, which was in Latin, the three men sat down and removed their birettas in unison. My neighbour Elizabeth Mills, who heads Women Against the Ordination of Women, explained: "Birettas come off at the name of Jesus."

The gospel, wrapped in a gold silken tasselled cover, was then brought in procession to the lectern and censed. A guest speaker, Fr Alan Grainge, preached on Christ's compassion. "We are loved as we are," he intoned from a pulpit that reached high above us. "God longs for us to become better people, to be the people that he intends. But he loves us here and now, as we are." At the end we sang the *Regina Caeli*, an anthem in honour of Mary, mother of Jesus, and a traditional extra in this church. As we sipped drinks in the presbytery after the service, the fear that women priests will mean an end to Anglo-Catholicism seemed to slip away. It is impossible to imagine St Mary's moving into the Roman Catholic Church today, modernised as it has been by the second Vatican Council (1962-5). In its Anglo-Catholic extremity, St Mary's remains immutably Anglican and at the same time reassuringly Catholic, witness to hope for the Church of England.

● *Sunday services: 9am, 9.45am, 7pm Low Mass. 11am High Mass. 6pm Solemn Evensong and Benediction.*

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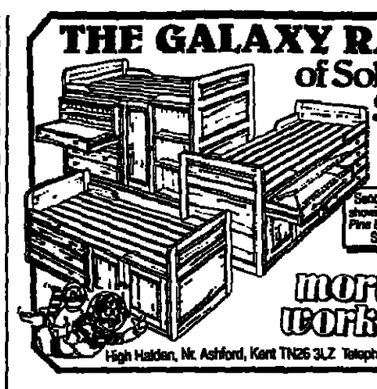
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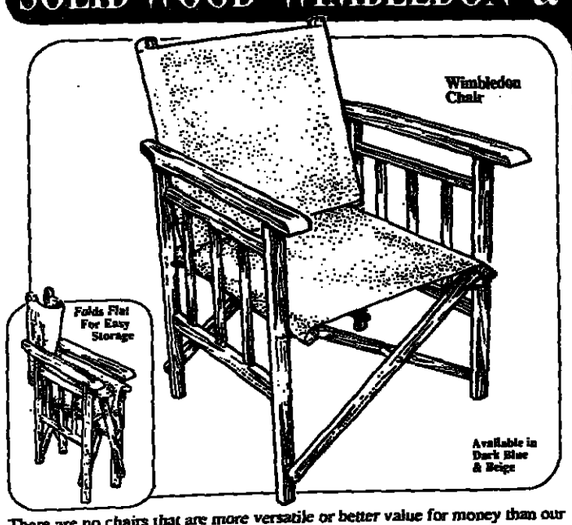
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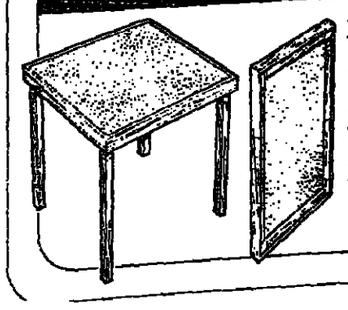
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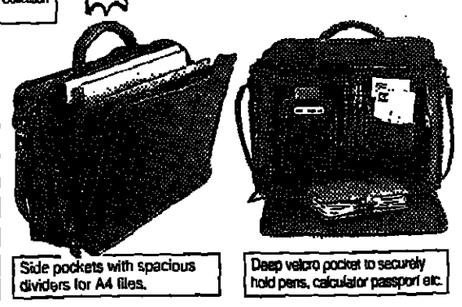
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Bed, boarders and midnight feasts

An enterprising hotel is easing the path to boarding school for nervous first-timers. Ros Drinkwater eavesdropped on the giggles



The first form of Princess Helena's has news for the fashion pundits — frocks are for wimps, as are frills, pastels and everything else mothers traditionally associate with ten-year-old daughters. Baseball jackets, jeans and Doc Marten's rule, OK?

In the blue and white nursery of the Pippa Pop-Ins children's hotel in London, you can hear a pin drop. Nine little girls eye each other nervously. This is a "getting to know you" weekend for girls going to boarding-school for the first time. When they next meet in September, it will be as pupils of the Princess Helena College in Hertfordshire. Meanwhile they have two days of high jinks ahead, getting to know one another and meeting Matron and Mademoiselle, to hear about school life.

"But I won't know anyone!" For centuries the British have packed their children off to the echo of this cry. Pippa Deakin has miserable memories of her first night at boarding-school. "Those first few hours make such an impression," she says. "I arrived late, and was bundled into a rickety top bunk. At that age little girls can be very unkind. Everything was strange, the games, the jokes, it took me weeks to fit in. All the others wore M&S knickers, mine were from Harrods — can you imagine anything worse?"

Where children are concerned Ms Deakin tends to corner the market in bright ideas. She claims her hotel, opened in January 1992, is the first in the world exclusively catering for children. Its best recommendation is that of the 1,000 guests so far, 60 per cent are return visitors.

The idea for the boarders' weekend first came from an overheard conversation when two young guests, both about to go to different prep schools, were comparing notes. "I'm dreading it," said one. "Me too," said the other, "I won't know anyone . . ."

Ms Deakin contacted her old school and put the idea to the headmistress, who in turn contacted the parents. During the weekend Ms Deakin and her staff organise activities including a scavenger hunt, an improvised play, an organised pillow fight and the *pièce de résistance* — the midnight feast. "It's a really fun atmosphere," she says, "but it's important to get them to use their brains, their personalities and characters to integrate and learn about each other."



By 2pm a barbecue lunch has broken the ice and it's time for a heart-to-heart with Matron and Mademoiselle. "Can I bring my Pink Panther slippers? If I am really terribly ill, can I go home? Is it true there's a ghost? Can you use phone cards?"

Despite the recent report of a decline in the demand for boarding-school education, there is no shortage of pupils at the Princess Helena College, founded 1820, patron Her Majesty the Queen. Matron Peggy Edwards thinks the weekend is a splendid idea. "Boarding-school is marvellous for girls, it teaches them to live with others and care for others in a specially creative environment, and of course they'll love it — eventually. But I see it every year, getting over that hurdle of not knowing anyone. This lot won't be homesick, they'll settle in in no time."

At six o'clock the girls vanish upstairs to put on frocks. Emily, she of the baseball jacket and Timberland boots, looks embarrassed, but thinks on her feet. "You have to keep one for emergencies," she explains. This emergency is a candle-lit dinner, during which several anxious mothers ring up. "Oh Mummy, don't fuss — it's brill," says Simone. "Must dash, we're having a jelly-bean fight."



Sunday, sweet Sunday and nine sleepy heads come down to breakfast. "Don't tell," someone whispers, "we stayed up till two. Wicked!" Trying to write picture captions is hopeless — they've all swapped clothes. Is that Katie or Holly in Gap? Which twin has the Doc Marten's?

Ms Deakin has advice for mothers packing school trunks. "Listen to your children. Don't be tempted to send them off with anything that will upstage the others. Kids arriving in designer clothes will be teased mercilessly. For wearing after school hours, jeans and baggy sweaters are best. These days they are very fashion conscious, they want the 'right' jeans, the 'right' T-shirt. What they don't want to do is stand out."



A metamorphosis has occurred in the night. The reserved Charlotte has emerged from her shell re-christened Charlie. "Charlie". Holly confides, "owns the front half of a donkey. Cool!" Katherine is relieved to find she's not the only girl in the world who's never played lacrosse. Emma is the class clown, totally unfazed by her new nickname — "bog-roll". She, Emily and Rowena are already "sworn blood brothers" — they adore horses and share the same shoe size. Does friendship need anything more?

5pm. Bags are packed and addresses exchanged by the time parents arrive. The adults look totally bewildered by the change of atmosphere. Time for one last chorus of "There were nine new boarders" and "See you in September!

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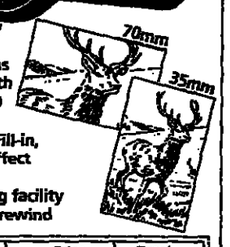
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SPORTING LIFE

Hooping it up, politely

Helen Pickles, mallet in hand, stalks the ball to learn the civilised art of croquet

It is no accident that Alice plays croquet in Wonderland. As with all her adventures there, the game is exasperating, unpredictable and idiosyncratic; nothing looks as it is. Lining up my mallet for the first hoop, I was politely told the best route was to hit the ball some 60ft in the opposite direction.

Forget everything you may have heard about maiden aunts thwacking balls into the shrubbery in spiteful glee; croquet is a game of silent but awesome strategy. Indeed, the Croquet Association gets terribly upset by the constant portrayal of the game as vicious and evil. "You are looking to make an advantageous shot while, obviously, trying to put your opponent at a disadvantage," says Tony Antenen, secretary of the CA. "It's no different from snooker."

Although the game is believed to have originated in Ireland about 1830, it was in England that it took off, becoming the fashionable pastime of the idle rich, because they had the time (a game can last three hours) and the land (a full-sized court is three times the area of a tennis court).

Croquet was also one of the few games in which women could compete on an equal footing with men. This is still true. Virtually all competitions have mixed entries. "As long as you can handle a 3lb mallet and keep going for a couple of hours, physical needs come second to mental application," Mr Antenen says. "You need a chess player's mentality to think ahead."

You must also be able to watch a game being taken away from you and not become agitated, he says. As long as you stay in sight, "the best thing is to have a cup of tea or a glass of wine".

Herein lies the key to croquet's appeal. It is gorgeously civilised. You do not need to get dirty, sweaty, spend hours in tedious training exercises (warming-up is forbidden, as players could gain an advantageous knowledge of the playing surface) or be harangued by puffed-up linesmen (it is assumed that honesty prevails).

Played as either singles or doubles, the object of the game is to get your two balls through 12 hoops — the six hoops are "run" twice — in the correct sequence and to the centre peg before your opponent.



Crazy croquet: Alice in Tenniel's illustration

Like snooker, the game is about making "breaks", setting up a run of shots. As breaks can last up to 40 minutes, there is plenty of time to quaff some chilled chablis.

Bonus shots can be earned by running a hoop (passing through) or by hitting another ball, a "roquet" (pronounced as in croquet). The latter earns two extra goes: the "croquet" stroke when the ball is placed next to the one it has hit and struck so that both move, and the "continuation" stroke. If this stroke roquets another ball you gain another two free strokes. You can keep doing this until all three balls have been roqueted or you run a hoop, in which case you take your bonus shot and start again. The aim is to set up balls in strategic places, like stepping stones around the court.

"During your first season, it's unlikely you'll have a grasp of what you're doing," said Syd Jones, handing me a mallet. Mr Jones, a founder member of Tyneside Croquet Club, Northumberland, was to be my coach and partner. "That comes in the second season, when you start to understand tactics: why, for example, you position a ball by Hoop 3 when going for Hoop 2."

Standing about a foot from the ball, you swing the mallet like a pendulum between the legs. Unless you're very squinty-eyed, it's almost impossible to miss the ball, as the mallet head is roughly the same surface area as the ball. As for direction, you simply approach the ball along the line you want to send it, a technique called "stalking the ball". You feel a little foolish staring down your mallet as if it were a telescope, but it soon becomes second nature.

Having mastered the basic swing, there are only four strokes to learn: the roquet, the croquet, the positional and running the hoop. Here, a familiarity with Newton's laws of motion comes in handy. For example, placing your ball behind the other in a croquet shot and belting your ball hard will send both balls about the same distance, whereas placing them side by side means the other ball will scarcely move. Arranged somewhere in between and the balls will roll off in different directions.

This was alarming at first, reminding me of the hapless hedgehogs in Alice's game against the Queen of Hearts. (For the technically minded, the balls will split at twice the angle of aim so you should aim at a point midway between where you want them to go.)

Running the hoop was the most exasperating shot. As the hoop is only one eighth of an inch wider than the ball, the balls have a habit of pinging off the uprights, or getting snugly lodged in between.

Mr Jones and I took on Mr Antenen and Alice Jones, who is chairman of the Tyneside club and whose diminutive stature belies a turbo-charged drive and a "we-take-no-prisoners" attitude. Each time I had positioned myself for a hoop, she would blast me to the opposite corner of the court. It was hard not to feel victimised.

However, this only served to bring out a latent cunning streak. Having roqueted Mr Antenen's red, I croqueted him down to Hoop 4, nicely positioned for my partner and difficult for Mrs Jones to dislodge. The temptation to shout "Take that, you cad" was overwhelming. Instead, I did a little jig, and smirked disgracefully. It is such a chivalrous game that seasoned croquet players would probably have said, "Bad luck, old chap", and offered some advice.

Gamesmanship is not encouraged, and purely defensive play is considered unsportsmanlike. "People who play one hoop at a time, then split their opponents' balls [making it hard for them to play a roquet] are infuriating," Mrs Jones said. "It's what we call an Aunt Emma, and it is very boring."

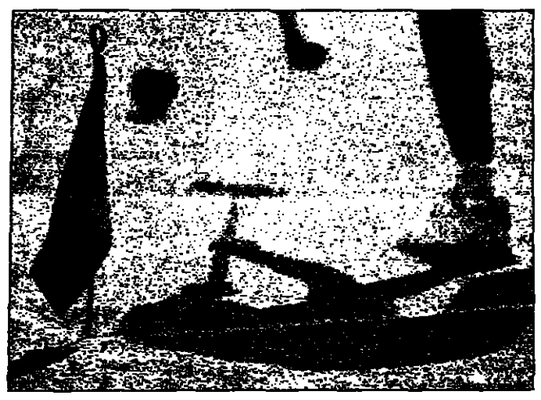
But be warned: croquet is not all balmy afternoons and chilled chablis. "Yesterday, the races and football were cancelled, but we played for seven hours in the pouring rain," Mr Jones said happily.

● *Next Saturday is National Croquet Day, when clubs will offer a free introductory lesson and/or tournament tickets. For details of your nearest venue, contact the Croquet Association (see box).*

SIMON BRUTY



Playing it cool: though a civilised game, croquet can be exasperating — not, of course, that a player would let it show



Shadows fall over the last stroke: now it's time for chablis

Through the hoops



☐ THE game described above is Association Croquet. Many clubs also play Short Croquet (smaller court, playing six not 12 hoops) or Golf Croquet (less complicated, with no bonus shots and quicker; a good introduction).

☐ There are about 140 croquet clubs in Britain. For further information, send large SAE (28p stamp) to B.C. Macmillan, Commercial Manager, The Croquet Association, c/o The Hurlingham Club, Ranelagh Gardens, London SW6 3PR (071-736 3148).

☐ Club membership fees range from £40 to £150 depending on number of courts and facilities. Membership of the Croquet Association (£21) brings discounted rates on equipment, books, tournament fees and tuition.

☐ Scotland: Scottish Croquet Association: Secretary, 13 Park Place, Dunfermline, Fife, KY12 7QL (0383 722368).

☐ Ireland: Secretary, Carrickmines Croquet & Lawn Tennis Club, Carrickmines, Co. Dublin (010 3531 289 5159/010 3531 295 7760).

☐ Wales: Contact the Croquet Association (above).

☐ Clothing: Whites are not essential (except in tournaments), although many players prefer them. Aim for comfortable, reasonably smart shirt and trousers, or knee-length skirt. Flat-soled shoes, such as trainers.

☐ Equipment: Most clubs supply everything for the beginner, including a mallet. Later, you will be expected to have your own mallet, from £50 to £130.

☐ Coaching: Clubs usually offer free coaching. Intensive, week-long summer schools are available through the CA.

☐ Events: There are more than 100 tournaments and championships during the season, April-October. May 29-June 7, Inter Counties, Southwick, East Sussex; June 5-6, Home Internationals, Budleigh Salterton Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club, Devon; June 15-20, British men's and women's championships, Cheltenham Croquet Club, Gloucestershire; July 18-25, British Open Championships, Hurlingham; August 1-7, Championship of Ireland, Carrickmines; September 16-19 British Masters, Hurlingham.



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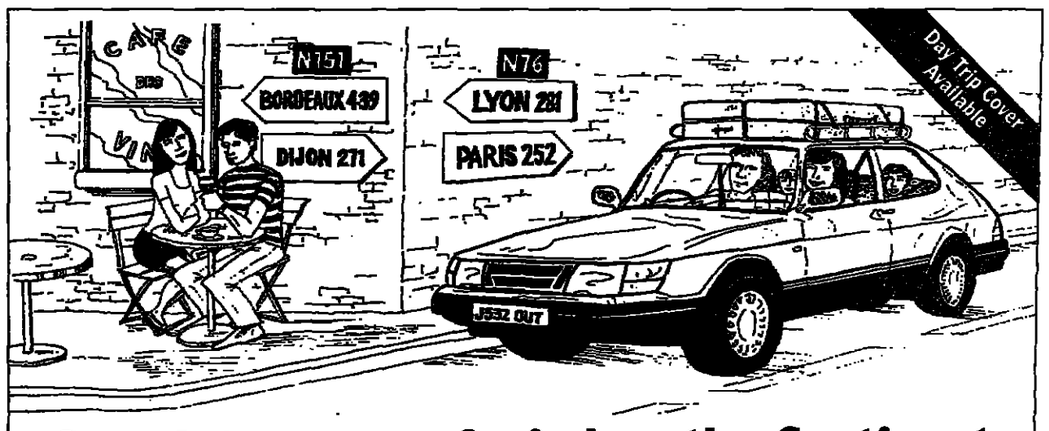
Back row, from left, Katie wears baseball jacket, Euro Disney, FFr45; denim jeans, Gap, £28. Holly wears white sweatshirt, Benetton, £25.99; her own striped dungarees. Simone wears baseball jacket, M&S, £20; denim jeans, Gap, £28. Front from left, Emily wears grey T-shirt, the Sweater Shop, Cambridge, £22.99; denim jeans, BhS, £36. Emma wears cotton knit sweater, M&S, £29.99; leggings, M&S, £9.99. Charlie wears cream jumper, Debenhams, £19.99; black jeans, M&S, £11.

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Emma (left) wears cotton cowgirl shirt, M&S, £19.99; blue jeans, M&S, £13.99. Katie wears denim shirt, Gap, £16.99; denim jeans, Gap, £28; T-shirt, Gap, £8.

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From left, Katie wears denim jeans, Gap, £28; denim shirt, Gap, £16.99. Holly wears white cotton sweatshirt, Benetton, £25.99; black leggings, M&S, £9.99. Simone wears baseball jacket, Euro Disney, FFr45; denim jeans, Gap, £45. Katherine wears cotton blouse, M&S, £11.99.



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Rachel Kelly discovers that building tiny replicas of people's homes is a growing business


MARTIN BEDDALL

Finishing touches: Paul Wells adds detail to one of his replicas — "I was sick of the sight of the ceramic models people commission"

Who are the only builders in Britain to have seen their business boom during the recession? The makers of model houses.

Some craftsmen call them dolls' houses, some architectural miniatures, others simply replicas. However you style the models, they are tiny, scaled-down versions of the nation's homes, often made with astonishing accuracy. Some are simply exteriors, perhaps set in a miniature garden: some are more elaborate and open to reveal an exact, scaled-down interior.

The logical extension of commissioning the local artist to paint a watercolour, models help to satisfy the British love of home-ownership. An Englishman's home is not just his castle, but now his model as well.

Some home-owners wish to preserve their existing home in aspic. Others want a model to remind them of a previous home, or to give to a home-owner as the perfect present. The people who commission models usually have the aerial photo and the painting already. Now they want the model, too.

Caroline Hamilton is the doyenne of dolls'-house and model makers. She is the organiser of the London Dolls' House Festival and author of the 1993 British Dolls' House *Hobby Directory*, which lists craftsmen specialising in model-making. Her first love is dolls' houses, but she has watched the interest in models of people's own homes grow steadily over the past decade. Increasing numbers of commissioris are for replicas of existing houses.

"Business has been surprisingly good in the recession," she says. "Though some dolls'-house shops have been quiet, individual craftsmen making model houses to order have been very busy. Small houses have proved easier to sell than big ones."

The evidence is anecdotal but convincing. Subscriptions to Ms Hamilton's magazine have been increasing steadily, as has interest in her fairs, held round the country. "I think it's the enchantment of seeing everything in miniature," she says.

Paul Wells, 22, is one young craftsman whose business is riding the wave of enthusiasm for home miniatures. His order book is full for the next three months, with commissions stretching many months ahead. He has been steadily raising prices to reflect demand.

He specialises in two types of models: straightforward portraits, and historical reconstructions of timber-framed houses, showing owners how their houses might have looked originally, with the help of a historic-buildings consultant and architectural expert, John Bloomfield.

"I was sick of the sight of the ceramic models that people commission," Mr Wells says. "I felt they looked glazed and unnatural. So I decided to start a business making 100 per cent replicas."

If there is a half-brick at the edge of a wall, then Mr Wells's model will faithfully reproduce it; if a tile is out of place on the original, then it will be out of place on the replica.

He works in stages. First, he goes to the house if it is local or asks for a photograph if it is further afield. Then he will work out a quote, depending on the size, usually between £250 and £500. The actual model-making itself takes about a week, and begins with a paper structure made out of cotton fibreboard, an acid-free paper 1mm thick that does not discolour and has a life-span of several hundred years. "It's the sort of paper that government documents are made of," he says.

The other materials vary according to the house. The most detailed work is the individually scribed and painted brickwork and individual tiling, all meticulously painted on with light-fast watercolour paints, which are then glazed. The house is placed in its own garden, and presented complete with a brass-framed glass display case. The historical reconstructions are made from oak and accurately jointed.

Although he makes his fair share of rose-covered cottages, home-owners seem equally proud of their semis in seaside towns. "I even made a model of what can only be described as a chicken shed," he says. "It was a bungalow with two windows and two doors. But it was someone's home, and they loved it and wanted a model of it."

Michael Ward and his wife commissioned Mr Wells to make a model of their previous home. Their chief delight was the accuracy with which Mr Wells created the model. "It was evocative of all our years there," Mr Ward says.

Another customer, Lionel Wernick, was lucky enough to be on the receiving end of a model present. As a retirement gift, he was given a 4½-in-high model of his mock-Tudor home near Hutton in Essex. He was so moved he burst into tears.

At the other end of the financial scale are Susan Rogers and Kevin Mulvany, a husband and wife team specialising in models that can take a year to make and cost almost as much as the house itself.

They began when Mr Mulvany made, as a Christmas present for his mother, a model of her Sussex cottage. Although neither of them has any practical training in art, they both studied architecture and the history of art at Essex University. Like Mr Wells, they have learnt through trial and error, adapting bottle caps and Fairy Liquid bottles in true *Blue Peter* style. They have now branched out into models of palaces and concert halls: their latest model of the Royal Albert Hall will be on display at the London festival.

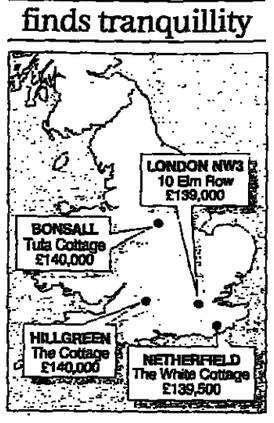
● *The London Dolls' House Festival, Kensington Town Hall, London W8, May 8 and 9.*

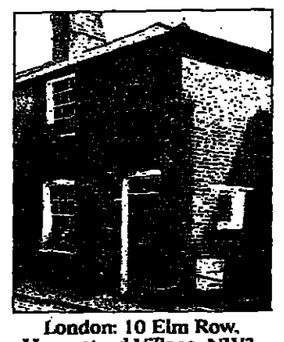


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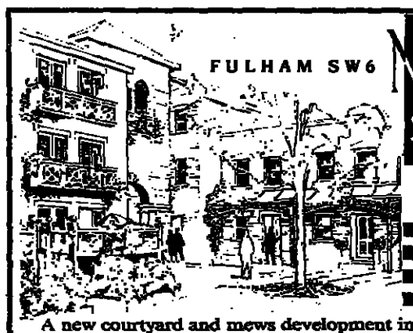
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INDOCHINE (12): Love in a hot climate. A trite plot, but Catherine Deneuve and gorgeous images carry the day. Director, Régis Wargnier.
Odeon Kensington (0426 914666).

MEDITERRANEO (15): Misfit soldiers forget the second world war on a Greek island outpost. Affectionate, well-acted, light as air. Director, Gabriele Salvatore.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520).

MR SATURDAY NIGHT (15): Some tart jokes, but a mostly exhausting, cornball vehicle for Billy Crystal (as an old-time comic in his twilight years). With David Paymer. Crystal also directs.
Odeon Haymarket (0426 915353).

THE MYSTERY OF EDWIN DROOD (12): Timid version of *Dickens's novel, with Robert* Powell as the cathedral musician obsessed with his nephew's fiancée. Director, Timothy Forder.
MGM Shaftesbury Avenue 071-836 6279)

NATIONAL LAMPOON'S LOADED WEAPON 1 (PG): Juvenile spoof of the *Lethal Weapon* series, with just a few chuckles. Gene Quintano directs Emilio Estevez, Samuel L. Jackson.
MGM Baker Street (071-935 9772) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

ORLANDO (PG): Virginia Woolf's exuberant novel about a free spirit (Tilda Swinton) who lives for 400 years, changing *sex en route*; filmed with great aplomb by British director Sally Potter.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Minema** (071-235 4225) **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772).

THE QUINCE TREE SUN (U). Spanish artist Antonio López strives to capture a quince tree on canvas. Victor Erice's magical *meditation on art and nature.*
Renoir (071-837 8402).

RICH IN LOVE (PG) Aggravating, docile tale of a dysfunctioning Charleston family, from the team who made *Driving Miss Daisy*. Bruce Beresford directs Albert Finney and *Kathryn Erbe.*
MGM Baker Street (071-935 9772) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148)

SOMMERSBY (12): Richard Gere returns to Jodie Foster after the Civil War, but is he really her *husband? Plush hokum*, based on *The Return of Martin Guerre*
Director, Jon Amiel.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Camden Parkway** (071-267 7034) **Empire** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 6705) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

THE STORY OF QIU JU (12): Chinese stylist *Zhang Yimou* changes tack with a wonderful, simple film about a peasant (Gong Li) seeking justice.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **Screen on the Hill** (071-435 3366)

TRESPASS (18): Siege warfare in an abandoned factory between treasure-hunters and the local gang. Forceful at first, then dulled by excess. Walter Hill directs Bill *Paxton, William Sadler, Ice T,* Ice Cube.
MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

THEATRE

LONDON

ARCADIA: Tom Stoppard in sparkling form brings together love, chaos theory and much else. Excellent cast includes Felicity Kendal and Emma Fielding.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (*071-928 2252*). Mon-Thurs, 7.30pm, mat Wed, 2.15pm.

THE BESHT TELLERS: Reviving the tradition of Jewish storytelling, this travelling company brings two programmes of poignant, exhilarating tales to the West End.
Arts, Great Newport Street, WC2 (071-836 2132) *Telling Tales*: Mon, Fri, 8pm, Sat, 5.45pm and 8.30pm *The Story of the Last of the Just*: Tues, Wed, Thurs, 8pm.

CITY OF ANGELS: Top quality Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical, packed with wit, set in L.A. and the world of the private eye movie.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm.

CRAZY FOR YOU: Thrillingly staged new version of the Gershwin musical *Girl Crazy*. Exceptional entertainment value
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (*071-734 8951*). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm.

THE DEEP BLUE SEA: Penelope Wilton the victim of unsatisfactory men in Rattigan's well-staged but so old-fashioned drama.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm.

THE GIFT OF THE GORGON: *Blazing* performance by Judi Dench in combat with Michael Pennington in Peter Shaffer's RSC success tackling the themes of justice and terrible revenge.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 3pm.

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST: Maggie Smith commands the brittle world of lost handbags in this elegant revival. *With Alex Jennings, Richard E. Grant, Margaret Tyzack.*
Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (*071-836 6404*). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm.

A JOVIAL CREW: Max Stafford-Clark's marvellous discovery of a play about the lure of the vagabond life, written on the eve of the Civil War.
The Pit, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Wed, Thurs, 7.15pm.

NICE DOROTHY: Auriol Smith *plays the sensible middle-aged* woman suddenly head over heels in love: new play by David Cregan.
Orange Tree, Clarence Street, Richmond (081-940 3633). Previews from Thurs, 7.45pm; opens May 18, 7.45pm; then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs (May 20, 27, June 3), 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm.

REDEEMING VICES: Michael Browning's comedy derived from Saki's acid tales of Edwardian society. With Richenda Carey as a resented hostess.
New End, 27 New End, NW3 (071-794 0022) Previews Tues, Wed, 8pm; opens Thurs, 8pm; *then Tues-Sun, 8pm, mats Sun,* 4pm

THE RETURN OF MARTIN GUERRE: Writer/director Jon Harris has gone back to primary source material, a 1560 report, for this version of the identity drama, performed by the quaintly named Very Fine Productions.
Dog Theatre Club, Duke of Cambridge Pub, 64 Lawford Road, NW5 (071-485 4303). Preview, Tues, 8pm, press night Wed, 8pm, then Tues-Sat, 8pm until June 5.

THE SCHOOL OF NIGHT: Peter Whelan's drama on Marlowe's *last days, boasting a charismatic* performance by Richard McCabe.
The Pit, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, Mon, Tues, 7.15pm, mat today, 2pm.

THE SHOWMAN: Alan Bates *makes his debut here as a* monstrously egotistic actor-dramatist touring Austria: British premiere of black comedy by Thomas Bernhard.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 *(071-359 4404). Previews from Tues,* 8pm; opens May 17, 7pm; then Mon-Fri, 8pm, mats Sat, 4pm.

REGIONAL

BAGNOR: Alby James directs *Fugard's My Children! My Africa!* A teaching experiment in the Eastern Cape goes tragically wrong when riots break out.
Watermill, Bagnor, near Newbury (0635 46044). Opens Tues, 7.30pm, then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, 2.30pm, some Sats, 2.30pm.

COVENTRY: Rod Williams's powerful *No Remission*, where three prisoners are confined to a cell during a riot, starts a 12-venue tour here. Same production as in London last year, new cast. Dates in Manchester, Salisbury, Aldershot follow.
Arts Centre, University of Warwick (0203 524524). Fri, Sat 7.45pm.

MANCHESTER: Tom Courtenay *and Polly James star in Poison Pen*, a new Ronald Harwood play inspired by the suicide (or was he murdered?) of composer Peter Warlock in 1930.
Royal Exchange, St Ann's Square (061-833 9333). Half-price preview Wed, 7.30pm. Opens Thurs, 7.30pm; then Mon-Thurs, *7.30pm, Fri, Sat, 8pm, mats* Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm.

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON: Robert Stephens as the mad king, Simon Russell Beale as Edgar in Adrian Noble's production of *King Lear.*
Royal Shakespeare Theatre (0789 295623). Previews from Mon, 7.30pm; opens May 18, 7pm; from May 27 in repertoire with *The Merchant of Venice.*

WATFORD: Marital discomfort in Willy Russell's *One for the Road*, with Peter Hugo Daley eager to roam but Tracie Bennett dreaming of a new dishwasher.
Palace, Clarendon Road (0923 225671). Previews from Fri, 8pm; opens May 19, 7.45pm, then Mon-Thurs, 7.45pm, Fri, Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 3pm.

DANCE

SIOBHAN DAVIES DANCE COMPANY: *The Brighton Festival* scoops a world premiere from leading contemporary choreographer Siobhan Davies, whose latest piece is set to an original score by Kevin Volans, one of the composers whose work she has championed through several commissions. The new work, entitled *Wanting to Tell Stories*, is paired with the haunting, if somewhat puzzling, *White Bird Featherless*, last year's collaboration with the composer Gerald Barry.
Gardner Centre, Brighton (0273 676826 for details). Thurs-next Sat, 7.45pm.

SWAN LAKE: Covent Garden's *new Cuban recruit, José Manuel* Carreno, dances his first *Swan Lake* with the company on Thursday, when he is partnered by the up-and-coming Leanne Benjamin, a dancer whose dramatic flair should provide an interesting counter-balance to the flamboyant, crowd-pleasing Cuban. There are also further performances this week of *Don Quixote*, the controversial new production that has disappointed the critics despite its feast of *non-stop dancing.*
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1066), *Don Quixote*: today, 2.30pm, 7.30pm, Tues, Wed, 7.30pm. *Swan Lake*: Thursday, 7.30pm.

EVENINGS OUT

DR JANE GLOVER CONDUCTOR



I saw *Arcadia* in the previews and I thought it was an absolutely brilliant play [continues at the National in rep over summer]. I was particularly interested in the theme of the passage from classicism to romanticism. *As a musician, I* perform many works from that period by the likes of Beethoven and Schubert, so it was fascinating to consider the philosophical angle. Following on from that really, I want to see the National Gallery exhibition *Tradition and Revolution in French Art* [until July 11]. Although it spans a much broader period from 1700 to 1880, it also covers the move from classicism to romanticism. So it provides in visual terms what I'm pre-occupied with in musical terms, and what I saw reflected in the Stoppard play in philosophical terms. On a lighter note, I go to musicals quite a lot. I'm longing to see *Crazy For You* [at the Prince Edward Theatre]. I think Gershwin is a sort of icon of the 20th century, and this show has had such wonderful reviews. Finally, I would put Orso [071-240 5269] at the top of my list for eating out. I love all that southern Italian style china — chunky, cheerful and expensive — a bit like the food really. But if I'm with my favourite nine-year-old it has to be T.G.I. Friday's [071-379 0585/839 6262], to which he and I are equally devoted.



Gill Clarke, Jeremy James: in Siobhan Davies Dance Co's Wanting to Tell Stories

MUSIC

CLASSICAL

PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA/ENSEMBLE INTERCONTEMPORAIN: Pierre Boulez conducts the British premiere of *Antiphonies*, a major work for piano and orchestra by Sir *Harrison Birtwistle. Schoenberg* (*Music for Imaginary Film*) and Stravinsky (*Pulcinella*) complete the programme. Before the concert, at 6pm, conductor and composer present an in-depth exploration of the new piece. See interview, page 14.
Festival Hall, London, SE1 *(071-928 8800), tonight, 7.30pm.*

LEIPZIG RADIO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Krysztof Penderecki may have been supplanted as probably the best known of his generation of Polish composers by the recent remarkable rise of Henryk Gorecki, but he still has a high enough profile in the West to be able to celebrate his 60th birthday with a UK tour. Here he conducts a programme of three of his own works — Adagietto (from the opera *Paradise Lost*), the Cello Concerto No 2 (with Timothy Hugh the soloist), and the brooding, neo-Romantic Symphony No 2 (Christmas).
Festival Hall, London, SE1 (071-928 8800), Mon, 7.30pm.

OPERA

WOZZECK: Director Deborah Warner makes her eagerly awaited operatic debut with this new staging of Berg's grimly compelling treatment of Büchner's drama, to be performed in a new English translation. Andrew Shore sings the title role, Vivian Tierney is Marie, Alan Woodrow, the Drum Major. Paul Daniel conducts.
Grand Theatre, Leeds (0532 459351/440971), Thurs, 7.15pm.

OTELLO: Elijah Moshinsky's reliable staging returns for another *short run. Vladimir Atlantov sings* the jealous Moor; Katia Ricciarelli is Desdemona, Justino Diaz Iago. The conductor is Covent Garden's resident master Verdian, Sir Edward Downes.
Royal Opera House, WC2 (071-240 1066/1911), Mon, 7.30pm.

JAZZ

LONDON JAZZ FESTIVAL: This exciting new venture, spread over ten days, kicks off on Friday *with artists including the uplifting* ReBirth Brass Band from New Orleans (Union Chapel, 7.30pm), bop pianist Kenny Drew (Tenor Clef, 8pm) and Inclassificable, comprising Andy Sheppard on sax, Steve Lodder on keyboard and the excellent Nana Vasconcelos on percussion (Bloomsbury Theatre, 7.30pm and 10pm).
London Jazz Information Hotline 071-911 1652.

CLAIRE MARTIN: This assured *25-year-old singer, deservedly* acclaimed after her recent appearances in London, is playing here with an impressive band including Iain Ballamy on sax and Clark Tracey on drums. Next Saturday sees her at London's Jazz Cafe.
Whitehaven (Cumbria), Rosehill Theatre (0946 692422), today, 7.30pm. **Manchester**, Band on the Wall (061-832 0183), Mon, 9pm. **Tunbridge Wells**, High *Rocks Inn* (0892 515532), Wed, 8.15pm. **Bristol**, St George's Hall (0272 230359), Thurs, 8pm. **Edinburgh**, Queen's Hall (031-668 2019), Fri, 8pm.

ROCK

P.J. HARVEY: Expect visceral, mutant blues with a dash of weird humour from the west country star and her band, currently promoting their powerful new album, *Rid Of Me*
Nottingham, Rock City (0602 412544), Mon, 7.30pm. **Bristol**, University (0272 299008), Tues, 7.30pm. **Birmingham**, Hummingbird (021-236 4236), Wed, 7pm. **Norwich**, UEA (0603 505401), Fri, 7.30pm.

LEONARD COHEN: Sounding *more and more* like *Tom Waits* these days — he even has a song called "Closing Time" on his latest album — the poet and songwriter prepares to woo London with his mournful ballads, old and new.
Albert Hall, London, SW7 (071-589 8212), Mon and Tues, 7.30pm.

CHARLES AND EDDIE: The duo with the irresistible, sweet soul sound originally met on New York's A-train, a fateful moment celebrated on their latest single, *NYC.*
Cambridge, Corn Exchange (0223 357851). Tues, 6.45pm. **Leeds**, Town and Country Club (0532 800100), Thurs, 7pm.



Nanci Griffith: mixing folk and country to stylish effect

NANCI GRIFFITH: Increasingly popular in the UK, this Nashville-based singer mixes clear-voiced country with wide-eyed folk to create her own distinctive sound.
Birmingham, Town Hall (021-236 2392), Mon, 6.45pm. Southport, Theatre (0704 540404), Tues, 7pm. **Norwich**, UEA (0603 505401), Wed, 7.30pm. **Cambridge**, Corn Exchange (0223 357851), Fri, 6.45pm.

EXHIBITIONS

LONDON

COMMONWEALTH EXPERIENCE: *The Commonwealth* Institute is marking its centenary with a variety of exhibitions, all to be inaugurated by the Queen on Tuesday. Among them is a spectacular audio-visual presentation, "A World of Masks", which evokes carnival around the world with the aid of live actors.
Commonwealth Institute, Kensington High Street, W8 (071-603 4535). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, 11am-5pm, opens Wed to September 12.

IN THE STEPPES OF GHENGIS KHAN: The first major exhibition in Britain of art and artefacts from Mongolia. The main gallery contains contemporary paintings and photographs, while round about them there are examples of traditional crafts and a display of photographs re-creating Mongolia at the turn of the century.
October Gallery, 24 Old Gloucester Road, WC1 (071-242 7367). Tues-Sat, 12.30-5.30pm, until June 19.

PAINTINGS FROM THE BOWES MUSEUM: The Bowes Museum at Barnard Castle is being refurbished, so 29 of its most famous paintings are on show here. Included are one of El Greco's finest works, *The Tears Of St Peter*, two Goyas, Boucher's superb *Landscape With a Windmill*, and lesser known works by Courbet, Sassetta and Heemskerck.
National Gallery, Trafalgar *Square*, WC2 (071-839 3321). Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm, Sun, 2-6pm, until June 20.

CARICATURES FROM THE GIBSON BEQUEST: *Frank Aubrey* Gibson, who worked for *The Times* between 1918 and 1941, was a great collector of printed caricatures from between 1780 and 1850. Some 60 of them are exhibited here.
Victoria and Albert Museum, Cromwell Road, SW7 (071-938 8500). Mon, midday-6pm, Tues-Sat, 10am-5.50pm, Sun, 10am-5.50pm, until September 12.

INTERIOR/EXTERIOR: The president of the Royal Academy, Roger de Grey, is 75 this year. To celebrate, there is a show of his series of paintings, *Interior/Exterior*, inspired by his *studio and the orchard outside.*
Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, W1 (071-439 7438). Daily, 10-11am, 4-6pm, until June 6.

NEW BEGINNINGS: Ken Powell has amassed an unrivalled collection of British art of the immediate post-war era. His particular favourite is Prunella *Clough, but he also owns a splendid* representation of St Ives free form abstractionists.
Courtauld Institute Galleries (Nos 9 and 10), Somerset House, Strand, WC2 (071-873 2526). Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm, Sun, 2-6pm, until June 13.

TRADITION AND REVOLUTION IN FRENCH ART: This show representing the collection of the Musée des Beaux-Arts in Lille gives a very fair idea of the cross-currents in French art between 1700 and 1880. The collection includes some familar works such as Delacroix's *Medea* and David's *Belisarius* but its strength is in fine works by academic painters little known in this country such as the symbolist Jean-Charles Cazin.
National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, WC2 (071-839 3321). Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm (Wed to 8pm), Sun, midday-6pm, until July 11.

GEORGIA O'KEEFFE/JAMES TURRELL: *An odd mating at the* Hayward Gallery brings together a retrospective of Georgia O'Keeffe (1887-1986), close associate of Stieglitz and a leading figure of the American avant-garde, and James Turrell (born 1943), who works in pure light. The O'Keeffe display is the first important showing of her work outside America.
Hayward Gallery, South Bank, SE1 (071-921 0873). Daily, 10am-6pm (Tues, Wed to 8pm), until June 27.

***GEORGES BRAQUE* — PRINTS**: Throughout his long life Braque produced prints of various kinds, starting with a series of Cubist etchings between 1907 and 1913, but he really concentrated on print-making only after 1945.
Tate Gallery, Millbank, SW1 (071-821 1313). Mon-Sat, 10am-5.50pm, Sun, 2-5.50pm, until June 27.

REGIONAL

ROYAL RESIDENCES OF THE VICTORIAN ERA: Among the royal collection of drawings and watercolours which survived the *Windsor fire unscathed are a* number of works commissioned by Queen Victoria and Prince Albert to commemorate the palaces in which they lived and the humbler residences they visited. This show gives an evocative picture of their lifestyle.
Whitworth Art Gallery, University of Manchester, Oxford Road, Manchester (061-273 4865). Mon-Wed, Fri, Sat, 10am-5pm, Thurs 10am-9pm, until July 31.

ROMANESQUE: The opening show of the new Henry Moore Institute galleries in Leeds is, enterprisingly enough, not devoted to Moore but instead to stone sculptures from medieval England.
Henry Moore Institute, 75 The Headrow, Leeds (0532 467467). Mon-Fri, 10am-5.30pm (Wed to 9pm), *Sat-Sun, 1-5pm, until* July 19.

NICHOLAS EVANS: An impressive show of the recent work *of a retired Welsh miner whose* claustrophobic, packed canvases caused a sensation when they were first exhibited 15 years ago.
St David's Hall, The Hayes, Cardiff (0222 342611). Daily, 10am-4.30pm.

RECENT BRITISH SCULPTURE: This South Bank *touring show celebrates the* achievements of the generation of sculptors who came to international prominence during the 1980s.
Derby Museum & Art Gallery, Strand, Derby (0332 255586). Tues-Sat, 10am-5pm, Mon, 11am-5pm, Sun, 2-5pm, until May 9.

BOOKINGS

THE IMPRESSIONIST AND THE CITY — PISSARRO'S SERIES PAINTINGS: The Royal Academy's new show concentrates on the last decade of Camille Pissarro's life when he shifted his focus from the country to the city to paint sequences of works based on the urban landscapes of Paris, Rouen, Le Havre and Dieppe.
Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, London W1 (071-439 7438). July 2-October 10. Tickets in person or through First Call (071-240 7200) or Ticketmaster (*071-344 4444*).

THATCHER'S CHILDREN: Trevor Griffiths's latest play, commissioned by the Bristol Old *Vic after receiving a grant of £25,000* from the Arts Council's "Be Bold Scheme", receives its world premiere on May 20. Griffiths says "This isn't a propaganda play. It's a play about what life was like in the Seventies, Eighties and Nineties."
Bristol Old Vic, King Street (0272 250250). May 19-June 12.

BUXTON FESTIVAL: Buxton is not promoting its own productions this year but buying them in from elsewhere. Opera North's autumn staging of Cimarosa's *Il matrimonio segreto*, under director Jonathan Miller, is previewed, alongside another Miller staging, *Donizetti's Maria Stuarda.*
premiered in Monte Carlo earlier *this year. Classical and jazz* concerts, cabaret and fringe events make up the programme.
Buxton Festival, 1 Crescent View, Hall Bank, Buxton, Derbyshire (0298 70395) July 14-August 1.

CATHEDRAL CLASSICS: The London Festival Orchestra's annual festival of music in cathedrals begins with a concert at St Paul's Cathedral featuring John Tavener's *Hymns of Paradise.*
St Paul's (071-344 4444), May 27. **Arundel** (0903 882268), June 4. **Norwich** (0603 619920), June 8. **Coventry** (0203 251509), June 11. **York Minster** (0904 644194), June 12. **Edinburgh**, St Mary's Cathedral (031-225 8616), June 13. **Dunblane** (0786 824428), June 14). **Carlisle** (0228 512444), June 15. **Chester** (0244 311586), *June 16.* **Worchester** (0905 722480), June 17 **Southwell Minster** (0636 812291), June 18. **Winchester** (0962 842383), June 22. **Llandaff** (0222 371236), June 23. **Truro** (0872 863346), June 25. **Sheffield** (0742 723454), July 1. **Durham** (091-384 3720), July 2. **Leeds Parish Church** (0532 455505), July 3. **Windsor**, St George's Chapel (0753 852010), July 7. **Westminster Abbey** (071-344 4444), July 8. **Cambridge**, King's College (0223 352001), *September 26.*

NEW VIDEOS

BITTER MOON (Columbia Tri-Star, 18): Tortured sexual games on an ocean liner with Peter Coyote, Hugh Grant and Emmanuelle Seigner. Preposterous escapade *from Roman Polanski; prepare to* raise eyebrows. 1992.

THE LAST OF THE MOHICANS (Warner, 15): Romance and adventure in the American colonies with chest-bearing frontiersman Daniel Day-Lewis. Splashy but shallow version of the classic novel; director, *Michael Mann. 1992.*

A MAN ESCAPED (Artrifical Eye, U): Robert Bresson's remarkable film based on the experiences of a Resistance worker imprisoned by the Gestapo, with pared-down images, much spiritual power, and haunting performances from a non-*professional cast. 1957.*

TOUS LES MATINS DU MONDE (Electric, 12): Alain Corneau's magical, melancholy portrait of French Baroque musicians Sainte-Colombe (Jean-Pierre Marielle) and his pupil Marin Marais (played at various ages by Gérard and Guillaume Depardieu). 1992.



Daniel Day-Lewis: star of The Last of the Mohicans

Film: Geoff Brown; **Theatre:** Jeremy Kingston; **Classical Music and Opera:** Ian Brunskill, **Rock and Jazz:** Stephanie Osborne; **Dance:** Debra Craine, **Exhibitions:** John Russell Taylor; **New Videos:** Geoff Brown; **Bookings:** Kari Knight

THE TIMES Auctions Diary

EAST

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SUFFOLK SALES, Church Street, Clare. (0787 277993. Antiques & Chattels. Sat 15th May 11am - viewing 9am.

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MIDLANDS

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WORD-WATCHING

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ZAFTIG

(a) Of a woman, plump, curvaceous, sexy, from the Yiddish, *adapted from the German saftig* juicy: "Zaftig Dolly Parton once described herself as looking like a hooker with a heart of gold."

SHAMMA

(c) A long, loose robe resembling a toga, worn by both men and women in Ethiopia, *from the Amharic*: "The streets are full of the gentle flutter of the white muslin shammas worn by the shy, slim Ethiopian women."

DRAWCANSIR

(a) Name of a blustering, bragging character in *Villiers's* burlesque *The Rehearsal*, who in the last scene is made to enter a battle and kill all the combatants on both sides, hence allusively and attributively. "Mr Layard, a very Drawcansir of political debate, a swashbuckler, and soldado of Parliamentary Conflict."

EUPORISTON

(b) A common medicine, a medicine that may be easily procured, from the Greek *ta euporista* the (plural) easily procured (sc. *pharmaka medicines or potions*): "This Euporiston doth melt down, and draw forth tough Phlegm."

Striking an awkward note

Stephen Pettitt talks to Sir Harrison Birtwistle, whose new work for piano and orchestra has its British premiere tonight

"You realise I've been here all day talking to people. And yesterday." Sir Harrison Birtwistle has just disposed of an interviewer from Classic FM. His straightforwardness is often mistaken for brusqueness, and he admits that he is feeling slightly ashamed. "I think I gave her a bit of a bad time. You know what she asked? She said 'What's it like being on the cutting edge of music?' I said I didn't know what she meant."

Birtwistle, whose *The Triumph of Time* and *Gawain's Journey* are about to appear on a new Collins Classics recording and who has an opera about King Kong to a text by Russell Hoban up his sleeve for Glyndebourne, has no time for trendiness. He composes simply because he feels like it. Asked why he wrote his new work *Antiphonies*, he replies: "Why do I write anything? Now, what's your question?" Asked how he arrived at the idea of a piano concerto, or whether the piece was a concerto at all: "No, it's *Antiphonies* for piano and orchestra. Somebody told me it was the last thing he'd expect me to write." Asked whether this suggested an element of bloody-mindedness: "Maybe that was one of the reasons, yes."

But the belligerence is good natured. Birtwistle is neither as terrifying nor as unforthcoming as his reputation would suggest, and a more serious and revealing discussion soon ensued. "I'm interested in ideas of hierarchies in orchestras: that's something I arrived at recently. The piano is the one instrument that can play the complete thing, whereas a solo clarinet or whatever can only play one line. It's that aspect which interested me."

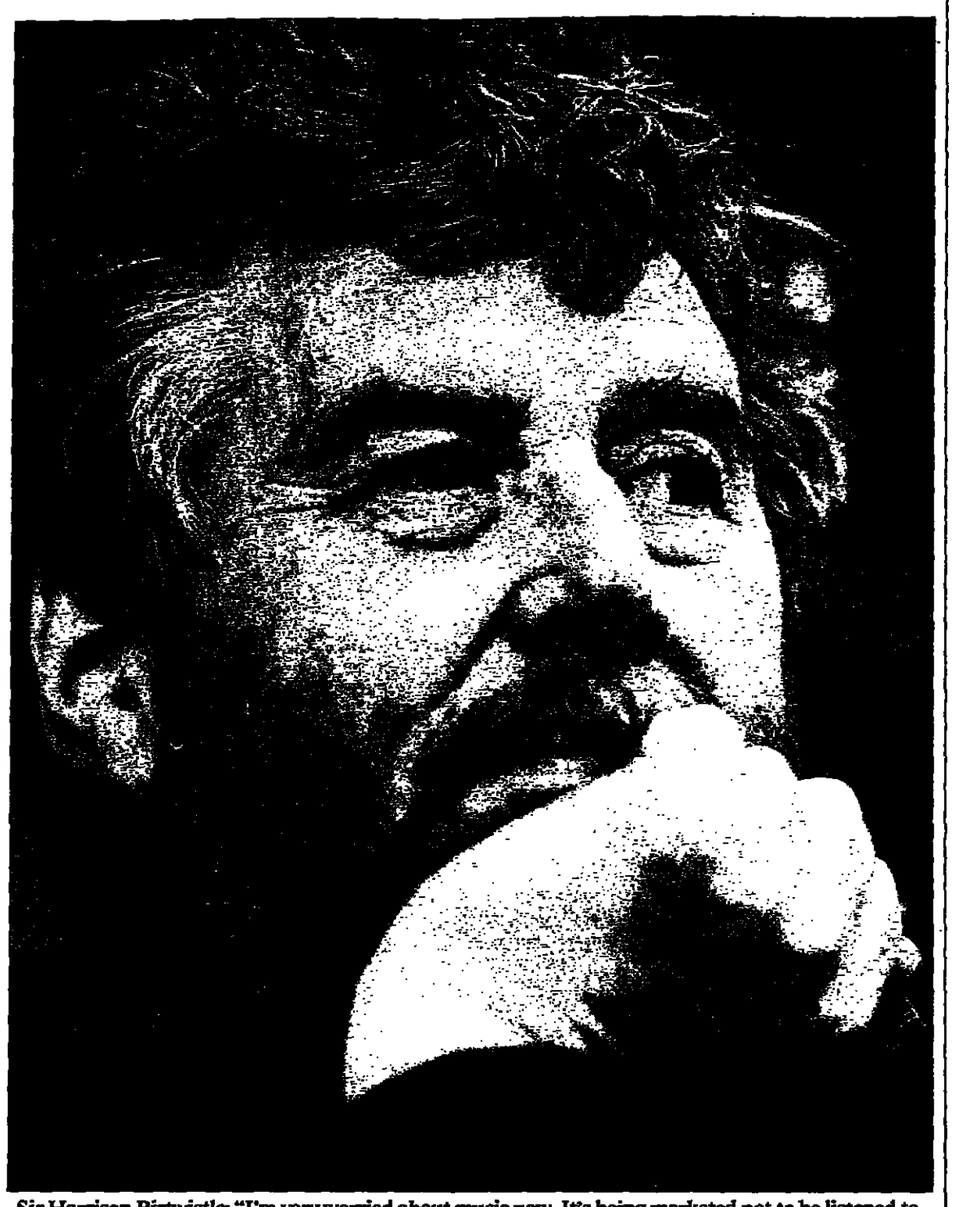
So is the work a conventional battle? "You say conventional battle, but is a concerto really an argument? It very rarely is, you know. It's just something to do with the fact that the piece for one moment is encapsulated in the piano, and then it's encapsulated in the full orchestra. There is a hierarchy established in the piece. Some of the time, for instance, I make a composite instrument with tuned percussion and piano. The musical sense is always with three or four instruments. In the sense that all instruments, or groups of instruments, have a role in the hierarchy. But the piano is an entity in itself." Is there an element of subversion of this hierarchy? "Oh yes, sure!"

Birtwistle's music is renowned for its structural toughness more than its outward emotions. He goes back over ideas, takes them in different directions; he looks at his material and sees implications inside rather than possibilities for expanding on the outside. When he sits down to compose a new score, he has "an idea of the total thing, but nothing to do with the details. And it always ends up as being something seemingly different. If you like, it's an intuitive thing. But in the end I don't want to write intuitive music; I want it to speak in a formal voice. I stamp down a general direction, not a form, and very often a texture as well. Very often it's to do with chance. I'm very interested in that, though I don't want my pieces to sound chancy."

Perhaps it is not surprising that a composer whose music is so uncompromising should express concern at the listening habits of today's audiences. "It's important for them to know that there are things other than emotional expression. It's not just heart-rending. I'm very worried about music now. It's being marketed not to be listened to. I would hate to think I was writing something just for wallpaper. But that kind of marketing is affecting all music. That's why there's the great success of all these pieces that are written on one chord. Isn't there one guy, a Pole? Gorecki?"

The ingenuousness is as real as the distaste. "It's music where you can go to sleep and wake up half an hour later and you're still where you were in the first place. If I see my role at all it is to be the opposite of that. You either have to sit down and take my music on board or turn it off."

● *Birtwistle's* Antiphonies *is performed at the Festival Hall, London SE1 (071-928 8800) at 7.30pm tonight*



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CLASSICAL RECORDS

Trolls, trills and timeless appeal

The Norwegian chart-topping pianist **Leif Ove Andsnes** is in his young prime. At 23, he has award-winning discs of the Grieg Concerto, of Janáček and Chopin behind him, and he has just released a recital programme to celebrate Grieg year (Virgin Classics VC 7 59300 2 3). This superbly engineered disc reveals the unique *plein-air* quality of Andsnes's playing: the light, bright fingerwork, the sense of shifting distances in his control of dynamics and tone-colour, and above all the delight he takes in everything he plays.

He recaptures Grieg's own youthful spontaneity in the Sonata which took him just 11 days to write. The *Poetic Tone Pictures* are given an almost Webern-like minimalism of treatment. By contrast, though, Andsnes knows a troll when he sees one, and makes the appropriate Lyric Piece vibrate with an earthy resonance.

The young Swiss pianist, **Andreas Haefliger** (son of the great tenor, Ernst), shares the extrovert enthusiasm of Andsnes for all he plays; but he is a more angry, sometimes impatient young man. His Schubert Impromptus Op 90 and 142 (Sony SK 53 108) are fiercely energetic, emphasising the sharp dynamic and rhythmic contrasts of Schubert's writing, rather than its song.

And then **Alfred Brendel**. At the mature centre of his recording life, he explores Beethoven's "new way" forward in the Op 31 Sonatas, and leaves the listener with the impression that there is scarcely anyone better equipped to do so. What Brendel himself has called the "compulsive, but scatter-brained determination" of the first sonata finds a sympathetic response in Brendel's own temperament. He takes a palpable delight in pretending that the two hands are incapable of playing together, then proving they can, in the rapid unison scale passages which follow the little syncopated figures.

Brendel makes the exaggerated rhetoric and mockery of the slow movement into yet another of the cartoons and masks he is so fond of collecting. His fascination with the surreal surfaces too in the waywardness of the third sonata. For the second, "The Tempest", the measured turbulence of the Allegro, dense with notes, throws the recitative (which looks forward to the Ninth Symphony) into unearthly relief.

Decca has released two more volumes of the live BBC recordings of **Shura Cherkassky**. Chopin's F minor Fantasie and Sonatas 2 and 3 are on volume four (Decca 433 650-2) and an irresistible collection of Encores from the last 15 years on volume three (433 651-2).



Brendel: at the mature centre of his recording life

Here is Cherkassky as glorious chameleon, playing as from a time when the pianist was as much a creator as the composer. He moves from his own melancholy "Prélude pathétique", written at the age of 11, to the Rachmaninov *Elegy* and Sibelius *Romance* he played in his 80th birthday year, 1991. In between, the Wigmore Hall audience egg him on to naughtiness in Shostakovich's Polka from *The Age of Gold*, and sigh their appreciation of the deep seriousness of his Scriabin C sharp minor Etude.

HILARY FINCH

THEATRE: **Kate Bassett** on a revealing and inventive solo show by an American performance artist

Gems glimpsed among the garbage

Lardo Weeping
Finborough Arms

Maybe the bottom half of Dinah LaFarge modelled for Disney's Tom and Jerry cartoons. She has legs like that woman whose face is never shown: the hemline, vast calves and old slippers splayed under her weight.

Lardo Weeping, the new solo show by the deaf, female American performance artist Terry Galloway, is itself about a woman who never shows her face. Firmly bolted inside her New York apartment, Dinah — whose unpaid bills are as outsize as her girth — talks to a cassette recorder, and only sallies forth for a split second to pick up her mail, wielding a gun and wailing like a banshee.

The point of Terry Galloway's piece is to give a face and a voice to women cut off and cut out of artistic representations. Not only do we get to see the whole picture — a mountainous woman in ridiculous horn-rimmed half-glasses and a dressing gown the size of a two-person tent — we also behold Dinah both in and under the flesh. In a striptease that moves from burlesque to bizarre, she peels off her robe, her kinky underwear, layers of skin, her stuck-on bean-bag breasts.

Yet, even as *Lardo Weeping* deals with exposure, the theatricality of Galloway's performance works against her. Dinah has one foot in the land of cartoon. She slurps a coffee containing a bowl full of sugar and expects a pot plant to get its second wind if it, likewise, downs caffeine and calories. Though Galloway is touching on autobiographical experience, her use of caricature acts as a shield. As with the padded bodysuit, we never quite see Galloway laid bare.

The glimpses that are afforded make that regrettable. There is an intellectual artist behind this, working over personal and political anxieties: fat as a feminist issue, the deconstruction of sexuality, poverty and power. As an avant-garde performer, Galloway is deliberately foraging among the garbage. She throws trash on stage, placing tabloid headlines alongside Emily Dickinson, and rambling around imitating dodos, nibbling food, and satirising Sylvia Plath's poems.

The downside is that as her mind wanders so does yours; the comedy can be unsophisticated, and the connections are obscure, but Galloway produces a unique, unplacable art-form. Though not profoundly touching, *Lardo Weeping* can bring tears of laughter to your eyes through a sheer loopiness that is off-the-wall and freefalling.

CONCERT

Veteran digs for victory

LSO/Solti
Barbican

Sir Georg Solti's way with Bruckner is both predictable and, within that predictability, constantly full of surprise. With the London Symphony Orchestra he dusted down the composer's own epithet "Romantic" for his Fourth Symphony, turning it into a bracing high romance of lusty action.

This is not to imply a lack of inwardness or insight: both become palpably present, but they simply surface from a different, sometimes unexpected angle. After the highly charged tremulousness of the opening, Bruckner's famous double and triple-note figures positively danced on their way. And it is Solti's ability to take up this energy and press it to urgency in the recapitulation, with virtually no broadening of tempo, which isolates the second group of themes into such breathtaking coolness and stillness.

The firm clarity of the cellos' line in the Andante, and the sprung, rather than plush chords of the strings' chorale were entirely to be expected. But again, what Solti made of his material in its transformation was a delicious surprise. The light airiness of archaic movement and texture turned, almost before the ear had realised it, into a climax of bold, heraldic colour.

This energy, in turn, was contained to ballast the jaunty, evenly-paced scherzo. At last it was possible to hear what the composer Robert Simpson meant when he likened a Bruckner symphony to an archaeological dig. Solti's last movement emerged with all the symphony's finds thrillingly displayed in the clear, bright light of their full purpose.

The concert had begun with a subdued performance of Stravinsky's Symphony in Three Movements. Solti discreetly and tellingly made the most of Stravinsky's quicksilver syncopations. Rapid changes of metrical direction in the first movement were pitted against the neo-classicism of the second, while the filtering through of each solo voice in the third led to a final affirmation which sealed the subtle strength of the performance as a whole.

HILARY FINCH

THE SUNDAY TIMES
Fun and games with Angus Deayton

"By the time you reach my grand old age you know how attractive you are to the opposite sex. In a certain light or with a good suntan . . . It's so difficult to know whether you are under- or over-exposed — I hope to God people aren't sick of the sight of me on TV . . ."

Angus Deayton, celebrated scriptwriter, quiz show host, master of the voice-over and arch exponent of intelligent comedy is about to take a risk in his first straight acting role. Carol Sarler uncovers the man behind the image, in The Magazine — The Sunday Times tomorrow

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DANCE

Method in their bold madness

CeDeCe
Riverside

There is something attractively disarming about a company that introduces itself to London with a work called *The Truth Is That We Are All Mad!* CeDeCe (the name is an acronym for Companhia Danca Contemporanea) is a new company: it grew only last year out of a school at Setubal, near Lisbon, and so far its seven dancers are all young women, simply because men have not yet been available.

This puts limitations on the dramatic possibilities, but the programme manages a reasonable variety in spite of that. Two works by Olga Roriz neatly sidestep the problem by dispensing with any confrontations. *Crossing* is a solo, to Bulgarian songs, and although *Passages - Part I* (to Philip Glass and Ravi Shankar) is for two dancers, it is more realistically seen as a double solo than a duet.

Sonia Rocha, Marina Sacramento and Patricia Henriques dance these rigorous numbers well. Sonia Rocha is the choreographer, too, of the "mad" opening work, where she sets herself as a seductively wilful soloist against the more sober-looking but also capricious group.

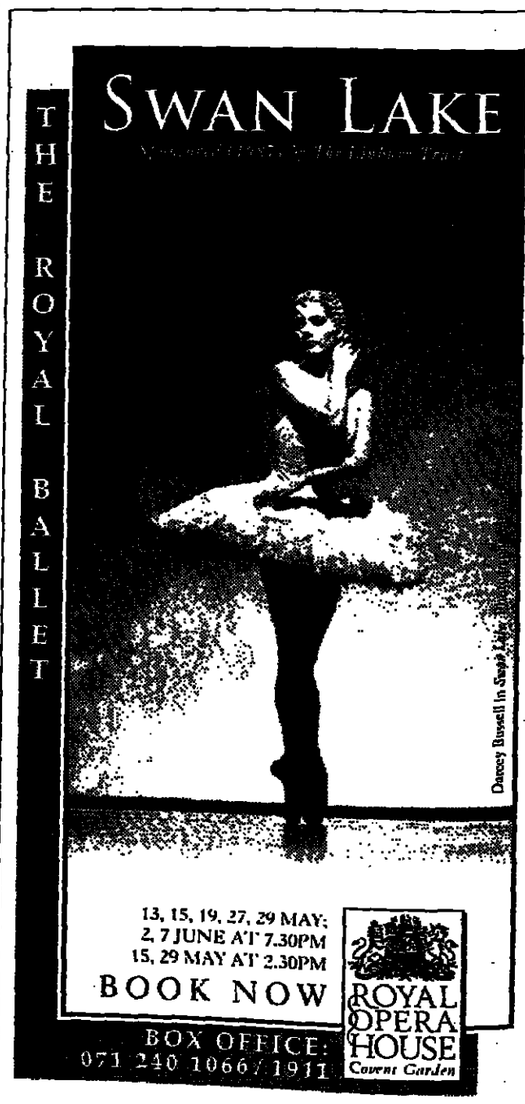
Vasco Wellenkamp's *Scraps of Silence* perhaps rather drags out its group movements to Arvo Part music, but Gagik Ismailian repeatedly pulls individuals out of the ensemble for brief solos in his lively and disconcerting work, which lives up to its title, *Dis-Figure-Action*, by the energy and eccentricity of the movement.



Rigorous steps: Patricia Henriques in *Crossing*

Most of the dancers take three or four roles during the evening, but all sustain their performances at a very presentable level. Without offering any blinding revelations CeDeCe shows that it is starting out hopefully on a well-planned path. The season is sponsored by Portugal 600 and the town of Setubal.

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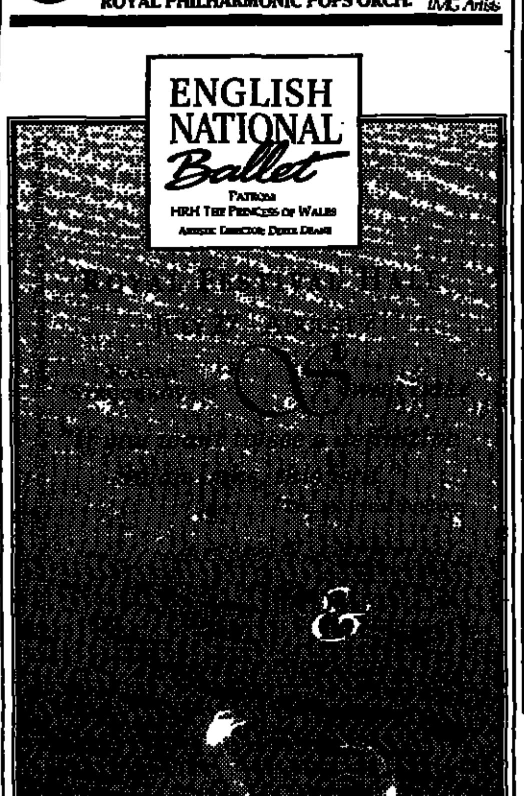
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10.55 Film: The Little Convict (1980). A live action and animated adventure, narrated by and starring Rolf Harris, about a 13-year-old English boy who is deported to Australia for aiding and abetting a highwayman. Directed by Yoram Gross (4683682) **12.12 Weather** (8154663)
12.15 Grandstand introduced by Steve Rider. The line-up is (subject to alteration): **12.20** Football Focus: Bob Wilson and Alan Hansen look forward to the season's final weekend of league matches; **1.00** News: **1.05** Cricket: Ted Dexter previews the season; **1.10, 1.50** and **2.20** Badminton Horse Trials; **1.40, 2.10** and **2.40** Racing from Lingfield Park; **2.50** and **4.00** Golf: the Benson and Hedges International from St Mellion, Cornwall; **3.50** Football half-times; **4.35** Final Score (58798576). Wales: 2.50-4.35approx SWALEC Cup Final
5.15 News with Philip Hayton. Weather (5801663)
5.25 Regional News and sport (8551330)
5.30 Jim'll Fix It. Among those for whom Sir James fixes it are a ten-year-old girl from Cheshire and her dog to play in the Cairngorm snow, a 90-year-old Dixieland pianist to play with Kenny Ball and his band, and a grandfather from Ponteland, Newcastle, who receives a personalised weather forecast from Suzanne Charlton (362934)
6.05 The Main Event. Frenetic quiz game show presented by Chris Tarrant. Two home-based families compete against each other with help from studio-bound celebrities. This week's guests are Tony, Fern and Jasper Britton, Diane Bull, Jonathon Morris and Judy Buxton. (Ceefax) (729205)
6.55 Film: D.A.R.Y.L. (1985) starring Mary Beth Hurt and Michael McKean. Fantasy drama about a childless couple who adopt a boy who turns out to be a highly sophisticated robot. Directed by Simon Wincer. (Ceefax) (s) (93979311)
8.30 Birds of a Feather. Tracey thinks it is about time she experienced what her incarcerated husband is going through and builds a prison cell in the attic (r). (Ceefax) (7885)



Two-timing: David Horovitch as Hugo (9.00pm)

9.00 Westbeach. (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (634205)
9.50 News with Nicholas Witchell. (Ceefax) (458595)
10.10 That's Life! Esther Rantzen's consumer investigations series. (Ceefax) (s) (290311)
10.50 Match of the Day introduced by Desmond Lynam. Highlights from the Premier League's last weekend of the season. The commentators are Barry Davies and Tony Gubba (s) (463330). Northern Ireland: Match of the Day Northern Ireland
11.40 Film: The Driver (1978) (s) See Choice (618576). Northern Ireland. 12.05am-1.35 Film: The Driver
1.10am Weather (4710335)

BBC2

7.05 Open University: Maths — Finding a Formula (5440205) **7.30** Physics: Ideal Sounds (8984392) **7.55** Oceanography: Currents (5788069) **8.20** Biology: Insect Hormones (1454798) **8.45** *The Leaping Horse* by John Constable (6960224) **9.10** Technology: The March of Aluminium (1874972) **9.35** Chemistry — Elements Discovered **10.00** Rome Under the Popes: Church and Empire (4498359) **10.25** Our Health in Our Hands (5592021) **10.50** Women's Studies: Public Space, Public Work (3349953) **11.15** Industrial Change — from Public to Private (9075243) **12.05** Language Development — Ways with Words (9325868) **12.30** Managing Schools — Making Teams Work (1099514) **12.55** Modern Art — Picasso's Collages (1467885) **1.20** Managing Customer and Client Relations (84974885) **1.45** Biology: Hearing the Call (25087601) **2.10** Industrialisation in Malaysia (49507595) **2.35** Literature in the Market Place (5217069)
3.00 Film: The Invisible Man (1933, b/w). (Ceefax) See Choice (6278021)
4.10 The Sky at Night. Patrick Moore explains what there is to see for the amateur urban astronomer (r) (s) (5279583)
4.30 The Badminton Horse Trials. The closing stages of the cross-country section of the competition (s) (2257595)
5.45 Rugby Union: The Middlesex Sevens. Chris Rea introduces highlights of the earlier rounds and live coverage of the final (s) (6778798)
7.00 100 Great Sporting Moments. Highlights of the Coronation Year cup final between Blackpool and Bolton Wanderers. The star of the match, Sir Stanley Matthews, reminisces with Barry Davies (r) (797040)
7.15 News with Philip Hayton. Sport and weather (792595)
7.30 Scrutiny. Huw Edwards with news from the House of Commons select committees. (Ceefax) (137)
8.00 Have I Got News For You. A repeat of yesterday's edition of the irreverent topical news quiz chaired by Angus Deayton (s) (6392)



Musical journey: Bob Dylan's song (8.30pm)

8.30 Tales Of Rock 'n' Roll: Highway 61 Revisited. (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (89175)
9.30 The Second Heimat: A New Generation (colour and b/w). Episode four of Edgar Reitz's 13-part film epic and it is now 1961 and the relationship between Hermann and Clarissa has deteriorated. In German with English subtitles (649069)
11.10 Film: Catch-22 (1970) starring Alan Arkin, Richard Benjamin, Jo Voight and Martin Sheen. A faithful adaptation of Joseph Heller's black comedy set in 1944 on an American Air Force base in the Mediterranean about an officer's attempts to escape the carnage by trying to be certified mentally insane. With Orson Welles and Martin Balsam. Directed by Mike Nichols (30102595). Ends at **1.15**

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CHOICE

Tales of Rock 'n' Roll: Highway 61 Revisited
BBC2, 8.30pm

Highway 61 runs north-south through the United States from the Canadian border to New Orleans. It was famously celebrated in song by Bob Dylan, who was born in one Highway 61 town and grew up in another. The road yields many other musical stories. Elvis Presley lived on the highway for four years, the great blues singer Bessie Smith died on it. A discursive, inconsequential film pulls in all these elements, as well as recalling that Martin Luther King was assassinated near where Highway 61 passes through Memphis. The emphasis, however, is on the young Dylan. If the potted biography of his early years contains nothing new, it contributes to a pleasing ramble through American popular music.



Driven: getaway man Ryan O'Neal (BBC1, 11.40pm)

The Driver
BBC1, 11.40pm

Walter Hill's thriller about a getaway driver (Ryan O'Neal) and the detective (Bruce Dern) trying to hunt him down is notable because none of its characters has names. They are known only as The Driver, The Detective, The Player (a compulsive gambler, played by Isabelle Adjani) and so on. It is a gimmick or a stroke of originality depending on your view. This is a film that polarises opinion. To detractors it is cold, pretentious and empty. Devotees see a stirring battle of wits between two unyielding professionals, realised in a spare, enigmatic style which makes evocative use of bleak urban landscapes and has one of the most effective car chases since *Bullitt*.

The Invisible Man
BBC2, 3.00pm

Out come the head bandages and the dark glasses for an early sound version of the H.G. Wells tale of a reclusive stranger and strange happenings in an English village. Claude Rains plays him but since an invisible man is just that, he has to rely mainly on his splendid voice. Directed by James Whale, the Englishman who made *Frankenstein*, and scripted by R.C. Sheriff of *Journey's End*, the film is notable for its intelligence and lightness of touch. At times it is almost a comedy, although in this variation of the mad scientist theme, darker forces are never far away. The subject has since spawned many other but Whale's Hollywood classic continues to outlast them all.

Westbeach: Young and Shingle
BBC1, 9.00pm

The seaside saga reaches the halfway stage and it is time for a progress report. So many BBC dramas have received the thumbs-down recently, from *Trainer* to *Eldorado* and *A Year in Provence*, that it would be good to applaud a winner. *Westbeach* is not yet that. Neither very good, nor very bad, its dramatic greyness is echoed in the glum weather which seems to dog the location scenes. The ingredients, family and business rivalry spiced with extra-marital hanky-panky, look promising but fail to spark. You have to blame the writing. Trying to be witty, the two-timing Hugo observes that a woman's handbag is like her mind: small, cluttered and used to belong to a crocodile. It is hardly Oscar Wilde. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (6225088)
9.25 Gimme 5. The first of a new series of the young people's entertainment show, presented by Lewis MacLeod and Jenny Powell. Among those providing the music are Sonia and Let Loose. Also on the programme are Marti Pellow and Tony Cunningham of Wet Wet Wet, *EastEnder* Sean Maguire and an army dog display team (61788866)
11.30 ITV Chart Show. The *Video Vault* features the Dave Clark Five with their hit "Glad All Over" (r) (s) (86953)
12.30 Movies, Movies, Movies. The week's releases reviewed (17779)
1.00 News with Dermot Murnaghan. Weather (77405021) **1.05 London Today** and weather (77404392)
1.10 Rugby Union: Worthington National Tens 1993 introduced from Gloucester by Jim Rosenthal. The commentator is Alastair Hignell (8221446)
2.10 The A-Team: Pure-Dee Poison. The indestructible quartet are hired to break up a dangerous moonshine operation (r) (7762773)
3.00 Film: Chips, The War Dog (1990). The conclusion of the Walt Disney adventure about a young dog assigned to the army during the second world war. Directed by Ed Kaplan (6386583)
3.55 WCW World Wide Wrestling (9500953)
4.40 News with Dermot Murnaghan. Weather (8177595)
5.00 London Tonight, sport and weather (5808576)
5.10 The London Match Special. Highlights of this afternoon's First division promotion clash at Upton Park between West Ham United and Cambridge United (4840021)
6.00 Film: The Sleepers (1988) starring Sidney Poitier and River Phoenix. Espionage drama about an American high school teenager whose world is turned upside down after he is informed by an FBI agent that his parents are Russian "sleepers", waiting to be activated by the KGB. Directed by Richard Benjamin (11717)
7.30 You've Been Framed! Home video disasters introduced by Jeremy Beadle (s) (663)
8.00 The Bill: By Hook or by Crook. DS Roach takes matters into his own hands after the courts refuse to convict a violent prisoner. (Teletext) (3446)
8.30 London's Burning. Fire Brigade drama series (r). (Teletext) (76601)
9.30 News with Dermot Murnaghan. Weather (463427)



In the Deep South: Gere and Basinger (9.50pm)

9.50 Film: No Mercy (1986) starring Richard Gere and Kim Basinger. Thriller about a Chicago policeman in Louisiana Bayou country looking for the killer of his partner. He falls for a Cajun beauty who happens to have been "sold" to the gangland boss he is looking for. Directed by Richard Pearce. (Teletext) (92735088)
11.55 The 291 Club. The first of the latest music and comedy series from London's Hackney Empire (s) (224798)
12.55am The Big E. Magazine series for young Europeans (s) (4104996)
1.50 Miller and Mueller. Houston-based policewomen drama series (8251083)
2.50 Basketball. The American NBA league (9802002)
3.50 The New Music. Includes David Bowie discussing his latest album *Black Tie, White Noise* (1503248)
4.50 BPM. News from the dance music scene (s) (5705170) **5.30 ITN Morning News** (37606)

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Wonderful Wizard of Oz (r) (s) (8039021) **6.25 Spiff and Hercules**. Cat and dog cartoon (9925953) **6.35 Alfred J. Kwak**. Adventures of a musical duck (9988779) **7.00 Paddington** (r) (1520392) **7.05 Kid 'n' Play**. Animation (r) (3824934) **7.35 King Arthur and the Knights of Justice**. Round Table cartoon adventures (r) (9918359) **8.00 Betty's Bunch**. Episode three of the 13-part New Zealand drama serial (r) (87040)
8.30 World Tennis. Part six (86311)
9.00 News (7346798) **9.15 Channel 4 Racing: The Morning Line** (7894069) **10.00 Trans World Sport** (64088)
11.00 Gazetta Football Italia. A preview of Italy's world cup match against Switzerland and tomorrow's live game between Inter Milan and Lazio (44224)
12.00 Sign On. Australian hearing children talk about their experiences and emotions about having deaf parents (97427)
12.30 Kasak. Episode two of the 26-part drama serial from Pakistan. In Urdu with English subtitles (43791)
1.00 Film: Three Coins in the Fountain (1954). The first of the afternoon's two films starring Clifton Webb. In this romantic comedy he is one of the suitors of three American woman living in Rome. With Dorothy Malone, Jean Peters and Maggie McNamara. Directed by Jean Negulesco. (Teletext) (94130137)
2.55 Film: Cheaper by the Dozen (1950) starring Clifton Webb, Myrna Loy and Jeanne Crain. Domestic comedy, based on fact, about the life of a time and motion expert, his wife and 12 children. Directed by Walter Lang (6523798)
4.25 Bicycle Symphony. An animated bicycle ride, set to music (7133243)
4.35 The Northumberland Challenge. The final race of road-running championship, through the streets of Alnwick, introduced by Steve Cram (1761514)
5.05 Brookside Omnibus (r). (Teletext) (s) (2722476)
6.30 Right To Reply. Tony Parsons is challenged over the views on pop music that he expounded on Tuesday's *Without Walls*; and why should Channel 4's viewers in Scotland have to watch *Streetlegal*, about the English legal system? (791)
7.00 A Week in Politics. William Waldegrave discusses the forthcoming White paper on the future of science. There are also post-mortems on the Newbury by-election result and the local county council elections (9999)



Sledge break: dog-tired in Antarctica (8.00pm)

8.00 Adventures: Transantarctica. The first of a two-part documentary about a multinational expedition across Antarctica from August 1989 to March 1990 (r). (Teletext) (9717)
9.00 The Beiderbecke Affair. The last in the comedy drama serial by Alan Plater, starring James Bolam and Barbara Flynn (r). (Teletext) (9953)
10.00 Drop the Dead Donkey. Delightful topical comedy series set in a television newsroom (r) (s) (98156)
10.30 Film: Time of Miracles (1990) starring Pedrag Miki Manojlovic and Dragan Maksimovic. Powerful drama about the rise of communism in a small Yugoslav village. Directed by Goran Paskaljevic. In Serbo-Croat with English subtitles (57711427)
12.25am Evening Shade. American comedy series starring Burt Reynolds (r) (s) (8027828)
12.55 The Harp in the South. Episode four of the six-part drama about the lives of an Irish-Australian family during the postwar years (r) (9465441). Ends **1.55**

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am Car 54, Where Are You? (38040) **6.30** Rin Tin Tin (69069) **7.00** Fun Factory (9811953) **12.00** WWF Superstars (74088) **1.00pm** Rich Man, Poor Man (50408) **2.00** Bewitched (4494) **2.30** The Facts of Life (3798) **3.00** Cartoons (65866) **4.00** The Dukes of Hazzard (77601) **5.00** WWF Mania (3601) **6.00** Beverly Hills, 90210 (63972) **7.00** Class of '96 (93137) **8.00** Unsolved Mysteries (34585) **9.00** Cops I (73885) **9.30** Cops II (75717) **10.00** WWF Challenge (92408) **11.00** Entertainment Tonight (72021) **12.00** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS

News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (34682) **6.30** Business Report (354048) **9.30** Nightline (59779) **10.00** Dayline (41663) **10.30** *Financial Times* West of Moscow (20779) **11.00** Dayline (51663) **11.30** Getaway (48717) **12.30pm** Fashion TV (41381) **1.30** The Reporters (91840) **2.30** Nightline (35682) **3.30** Those Were The Days (35953) **4.30** Getaway (1576) **5.00** Live at Five (21779) **6.30** Fashion TV (43601) **7.30** The Reporters (2205) **9.30** *Financial Times* West of Moscow (49446) **10.30** The Reporters (36750) **11.30** Fashion TV (39359) **12.30am** Getaway (34422) **1.30** *Financial Times* West of Moscow (78985) **2.30** Fashion TV (26335) **3.30** Target (21880) **4.30** *Financial Times* West of Moscow (30977) **5.30-6.00** The Reporters (36170)

SKY MOVIES PLUS

6.00am Showcase (63392)
8.00 Sweet 15 (1991). A Mexican girl is an illegal immigrant (68330)
10.00 Vanishing Wilderness American wildlife documentary (66069)
12.00 A Town's Revenge (1989): A woman's past sins are not forgotten (69156)
1.00pm Malcolm Takes a Shot (1990): A basketball player develops epilepsy (45576)
2.00 Zelig (1983): Woody Allen plays a human chameleon (6261885)
3.25 Pancho Barnes (1988). Valerie Bertinelli as the aviatrix (92405088)
6.00 Shipwrecked (1991): Stian Smestad is stranded on a South Sea island (96224)
8.00 Harley Davidson and the Marlboro Man (1991): Mickey Rourke and Don Johnson plot a bank heist (78929)
10.00 Shattered (1991): Tom Berenger loses his memory. With Greta Scacchi and Bob Hoskins (447798)
11.45 Emmanuelle (1974). Erotic drama starring Sylvia Kristel (109446)
1.30am Outcast (1991): John Tench makes a pact with the devil (471129)
4.00 Mack the Knife (1989): Adaptation of *The Threepenny Opera* starring Raul Julia (901809). Ends at **5.35**

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm Driftwood (1947, b/w): A doctor adopts orphan Natalie Wood (9205)
6.00 San Francisco (1936, b/w). Clark Gable and Jeanette MacDonald fall in love before the 1906 earthquake (70224)
8.00 Blade Runner (1982): Harrison Ford tracks rogue androids (82069)
10.00 Sudden Impact (1983): Fourth in the *Dirty Harry* series starring Clint Eastwood (359069). Ends at **11.55**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Rumpelstiltskin (1987): A musical adaptation of the fairy-tale (61934)
8.00 The Great Imposter (1960): Tony Curtis plays a con artist (68872)
10.00 Davy Crockett, Indian Scout (1950, b/w): With George Montgomery (68960934)
11.45 Romeo and Juliet (1968): Shakespeare's tragic romance starring Leonard Whiting and Olivia Hussey (38781392)
2.00pm Impromptu (1990): Judy Davis as the French novelist George Sand pursues Chopin, played by Hugh Grant (57430)
4.00 Ivory Hunters (1990): African adventure starring John Lithgow (6175)
6.00 Ghost Dad (1990). Bill Cosby returns from the dead (94858)
8.00 Crazy People (1990): Dudley Moore decides to advertise the truth (99311)
10.00 A Rage in Harlem (1991): Comedy-thriller starring Forest Whitaker (429392)
11.50 The Thing (1982). A murderous alien terrorises scientists in the Antarctic (560408)
1.45am Blind Vengeance (1990): A father avenges his son's murder (15281083)
4.00 Sssssss (1973): Mad doctor Strother Martin turns Dirk Benedict into a snake (89460) Ends at **5.35**

SKY SPORTS

7.00am The Big League (21311) **9.00** The Boot Room (94088) **10.00** Drag Racing (12175) **10.30** Windsurfing (49243) **11.00** Fishing the West (93663) **11.30** Gillette World Sports Special (94392) **12.00** Soccer Weekend (82446) **1.00pm** Sports Saturday (4099514) **6.00** British Motorsport (71330) **7.00** Ringside Theatre Special: Joe Louis and Muhammad Ali (293040) **9.30** US PGA Golf: Bellsouth Classic (35408) **11.00-4.00am** Ringside Special: Lennox Lewis v Tony Tucker (9005885)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Step Aerobics (39330) **8.00** Motorsport (74885) **9.00** Motorcycling (45427) **9.30** NBA Basketball (54663) **10.00** NHL Ice Hockey (35514) **11.00** Boxing Magazine (15750) **12.00** Motor Racing: Spanish Grand Prix (77514) **1.00pm** Figure Skating (53934) **2.00** Benson and Hedges Golf (56858327) **4.40** Wrestling (7067798) **5.30** Motor Racing: Spanish Grand Prix (11514) **6.30** ATP Tennis (2955205) **10.00** Boxing (29576) **11.00** Greco-Roman Wrestling (36243) **12.00-1.00am** Motor Racing: Spanish Grand Prix (72557)

UK GOLD

6.00am Rainbow (35621205) **6.15** Jamie and the Magic Torch (35659088) **6.30** Michael Bentine's Potty Time (1745359) **7.00** Chocky's Children (2277755) **7.30** Owl TV (3722840) **8.00** Lassie (8292137) **8.30** Rentaghost (8291408) **9.00** The Raccoons (8215088) **9.30** Bucky O'Hare (2189137) **10.00** Jem (1729311) **10.30** Dungeons and Dragons (8204972) **11.00** Film: Men Without Honour (1939, b/w) with Ian Fleming (3922048) **12.00** Film: *Heroes of Telemark* (1965) with Kirk Douglas (78862448) **2.15pm** Bless This House (4967205) **2.45** EastEnders (20781224) **5.30** The Chronicles of Narnia (4754934) **6.00** A Dorothy L Sayers Mystery: Strong Poison (2191972) **7.00** Bless This House (4398953) **7.30** Streets Apart (4764311) **8.00** Bergerac (4010069) **9.00** Who Pays the Ferryman? (4090205) **10.00** Film: Enigma (1982) with Martin Sheen (1687514) **11.50** KYTV (1193934) **12.20am** Mornin' Sarge (3435538) **12.50-2.15** In Concert: Crosby, Stills and Nash (29668170)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am Best of Jack in the Box (71663) **7.00** Storybreak (84885) **7.30** The Greatest Tune on Earth (43392) **8.00** Cartoons (79408) **8.30** RatKan II (225934) **11.30** Cartoon Classics (50972) **12.00** Marvel Hour (24446) **1.00pm** Pugwall's Summer (88886) **2.00** 3-2-1 Contact (2156) **2.30** The Barklays (1156) **3.00** You Can't Do That on Television (1663) **3.30** Round the Twist (5601) **4.00** Electric Stringvest (40595) **5.00** Phoenix Hall (3408) **5.30** Fifteen (5972) **6.00** Fame (13330)

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 2.10pm Motocross (412885) **3.45-4.40** The A-Team (5392595) **5.00-5.10** Anglia News (5808576) **11.55** Hollywood Report (560232) **12.30am** Film: Drum Beat (93151) **2.30** BPM (7301828) **3.35** The Little Picture Show (1524731) **4.30-5.30** The Big E (18731)

BORDER

As London except: 1.10pm Granada Sport: Kick Off (5281224) **2.00-4.40** Granada Sport: Action (18489972) **5.00-5.10** Border News (5808576) **11.55** Hollywood Report (560232) **12.30am** Film: Drum Beat (93151) **2.30** BPM (7301828) **3.35** The Little Picture Show (1524731) **4.30-5.30** The Big E

CENTRAL

As London except: 2.10pm IndyCar 93 (82349798) **2.40** The Munsters Today (5201408) **3.05** The A-Team (1068214) **4.00-4.40** Wrestling (5091330) **5.00** Central News (8534663) **5.05-5.10** The Central Match — Goals Extra (8533934) **11.55** Film: Stranger On My Land (547682) **1.45** Shannon's Deal (8270118) **2.40** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (4760288) **3.10** America's Top Ten (39480624) **3.40** Alfred Hitchcock Presents (37808712) **4.10** Jobfinder (1438903) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (6867625)

GRANADA

As London except: 1.10pm Granada Sport. Kick Off (5281224) **2.00-4.40** Granada Sport: Action (18489972) **5.00** Granada News (8534663) **5.05-6.00** Granada Sport: Goals Extra (7015021) **11.55** Hollywood Report (560232) **12.30am** Film: Drum Beat (93151) **2.30** BPM (7301828) **3.35** The Little Picture Show (1524731) **4.30-5.30** The Big E (18731)

HTV WEST

As London except: 2.10 IndyCar 93 (82349798) **2.40** Film: Like Mom, Like Me (54387840) **4.35-4.40** Cartoon Time (4226866) **5.00-5.10** HTV West News and Sport (5808576) **11.55** Hollywood Report (560232) **12.30am** Film: Drum Beat (93151) **2.30** BPM (7301828) **3.35** The Little Picture Show (1524731) **4.30-5.30** The Big E (18731)

HTV WALES

As HTV West except: 2.40pm Daniel Boone **3.40-4.40** Celtic Challenge **5.00-5.10** HTV Wales News and Sport

MERIDIAN

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 The Munsters Today (17779) **2.10** IndyCar 93 (82349798) **2.40** Film, Mystery Island (4155717) **4.05-4.40** Wrestling (5091330) **5.00** Meridian News (3534663) **5.05-5.10** Saturday Sport (8533934) **11.55** One to One (499175) **12.35am** The Big E (9463083) **1.30** Film: The Professional (75606) **3.30** Basketball (51422) **4.30-5.30** BPM (18731)

TYNE TEES

As London except: 2.10pm Film: For the Love of Mike (412885) **3.45-4.40** McCloud (5392595) **5.00-5.10** Tyne Tees Saturday (5808576) **11.55** Beverly Hills 90210 (501359) **12.50am** Film: The Quest (653016) **2.35** BPM (9888422) **3.35** The Little Picture Show (6246373) **4.35-5.30** Cue the Music (9984083)

ULSTER

As London except: 2.10pm IndyCar 93 (82349798) **2.40** Rockport (8314137) **3.00** The A-Team (8386583) **3.55-4.40** Wrestling (9500953) **5.00-5.10** UTV Live (5808576) **11.55** Hollywood Report (560232) **12.30am** Film: Drum Beat (93151) **2.30** BPM (7301828) **3.35** The Little Picture Show (1524731) **4.30-5.30** The Big E (18731)

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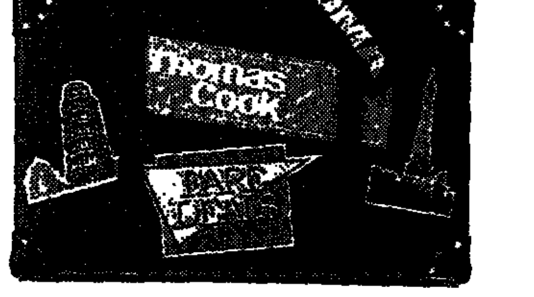
As London except: 2.10pm Wonderful World of Disney (5539953) **3.10** Cartoon (3016798) **3.15** Baywatch (1364066) **4.10-4.40** IndyCar 93 (4183934) **5.00-5.10** Westcountry Weekend Latest (5808576) **11.55** Hollywood Report (560232) **12.30am** Film: Drum Beat (Alan Ladd, Audrey Dalton, Marisa Pavan) (93151) **2.30** BPM (7301828) **3.25** The Little Picture Show (1524731) **4.30-5.30** The Big E (18731)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 2.10pm Film. For the Love of Mike (412885) **3.45-4.40** McCloud (5392595) **5.00-5.10** Calendar News (5808576) **11.55** Beverly Hills 90210 (501359) **12.50am** Film: The Quest (653016) **2.35** BPM (9888422) **3.35** The Little Picture Show (6246373) **4.35-5.30** Cue the Music (9984083)

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Starts: 7.00 Paddington (1520392) **7.05** Kid 'n' Play (3824934) **7.35** King Arthur and the Knights of Justice (9918359) **8.00** Betty's Bunch (87040) **8.30** World Tennis (86311) **9.00** News (7346798) **9.15** Racing: The Morning Line (7894069) **10.00** Trans World Sport (64088) **11.00** Gazzetta Football Italia — With Paul Gascoigne (44224) **12.00** Sign On (97427) **12.30** The Wonder Years (1084682) **12.55** Film: Stowaway (11721137) **2.30** Rygbi: Cwpan S.W.A.L.E.C. 1993 (64972595) **4.35** The Northumberland Castles Challenge (1761514) **5.05** Brookside (2722476) **6.30** Magic Roundabout (544885) **6.35** Now You're Talking (692773) **7.00** Newyddion (438885) **7.20** Traed Oer (812798) **7.50** Yn Dy Ddwble (775953) **8.20** Tocyn Tymor (370066) **9.15** Short and Curlies (198576) **9.30** Europe Express (26885) **10.00** Drop the Dead Donkey (98156) **10.30** Film: *Time of Miracles* (60295040) **12.15** Movin' On (377489) **1.15** Close



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FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Neale James (FM until **6.00am**) **7.00** Gary Davies **10.00** Dave Lee Travis **1.00pm** Adrian Juste **2.00** David Bowie Story **3.00** Johnny Walker **6.00** The Saturday Rock Show **7.30** In Concert: Stereo MCs **8.30** Loose Talk **9.00** Andy Kershaw with Jon Cleary in session **11.00** John Peel (FM from 12.00): Sebadoh and Therapy in session **2.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Colin Berry **6.00** Barbara Sturgeon **8.05** Brian Matthew, Sounds of the Sixties **10.00** Anne Robinson **12.00** Hayes on Saturday **1.30pm** The News Huddlines **2.00** Ronnie Hilton: Sounds of the Fifties **3.00** Steve Race **4.00** Eve Pollard with guest Debbie Moore, founder of the Pineapple fitness empire **5.00** Cinema 2 **5.30** Nick Barraclough's New Country **6.00** Vince Hill's Solid Gold Music Show **7.00** As Time Goes By **7.30** French Classics: Angela Rippon presents a gala concert, recorded at the De Montfort Hall, Leicester **9.30** David Jacobs presents Easy Does It **10.00** Radio 2 Arts Programme **12.05am** Ronnie Hilton (r) **1.00-4.00** John Terrett with Night Ride

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until Noon. **6.00am** World Service. Newshour **6.30** Mark Curry's Weekend Edition **9.30** Get Set... **10.30** Hopalong Cassidy **11.00** Go! **12.00** Sport on 4 Plus 1 (as Radio 4 at 9.05am) **12.30pm** Sportscall **1.30** Sport on Five. Football; Rugby Union: Welsh Cup Final and Middlesex Sevens at Twickenham **5.00** Sports Report **6.08** Six-O-Six **7.30** Afropop Worldwide **8.30** Le Top **9.30** Nightbeat **10.00** Sports Bulletin **10.15** The Way Out **12.15am** As Radio 1 **3.30** Big Fight Special: Lennox Lewis (GB) v Tony Tucker (USA) from Las Vegas

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin: Tips für Touristen **5.30** Jazz Now and Then **5.45** Worldbrief **6.00** News **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.10** News About Britain **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Meridian **8.00** Newsdesk **8.30** People and Politics **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** A Jolly Good Show **10.00** News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** Worldbrief **10.30** Personal View **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.01** Printer's Devil **11.15** Letter from America **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Meridian **1.00** News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Multitrack 3 **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** News **3.01** Sportsworld **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.10** News About Britain **5.15** Sportsworld **6.00** BBC English **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.05** German Features **8.00** News **8.01** When Madness Ruled the World **8.45** From the Weeklies **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Personal View **9.30** Meridian **10.00** Newshour **11.00** News **11.10** News About Britain **11.15** Jazz for the Asking **11.45** Sports Roundup **Midnight** News **12.05am** Words of Faith **12.10** Book Choice **12.15** A Jolly Good Show **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** The Ken Bruce Show **2.00** News **2.01** Play of the Week: Cider with Rosie **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** The Language of Flowers **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** Sports Roundup

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Sarah Lucas **9.00** CD Countdown **12.00** Petroc Trelawny **3.00pm** Adrian Love **5.00** Classic America **7.00** Opera: Bellini's *Norma* **10.00** Six of the Best. Quiz with Quentin Howard **12.00-6.00am** André Leon

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Graham Dene **10.00** Chris Evans **1.00pm** Emperor Rosko with the Great American Music Show **4.00** Dave Fanning **8.00** Kevin Greening **11.00** Tommy Rivers **2.00-6.00** Sandy Beech

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Art and Illusion **6.55** Weather
7.00 Record Review, with Paul Guinery. Walton (Sinfonia Concertante); Haydn (String Quartet in A, Op 20 No 6); Coleridge Taylor (Symphonic Variations on an African Air); Leclair (Trio Sonata in D minor, Op 4 No 3): Schreker (Two Lyrical Songs); Schumann (Cello Concerto in A minor)
9.00 News
9.05 Record Review continues with Richard Osborne. **Building a Library**: includes reviews of Stravinsky (Oedipus Rex) and new releases of Baroque orchestral music. **10.35 Record Release**: Heinichen (Concerto in G for two flutes, two oboes, violin, strings and continuo: Musica Antiqua Köln under Reinhard Goebel); Vivaldi (Concerto in D, RV208, Il Grosso Mogul: European Community Baroque Orchestra under Monica Huggett, violin); Handel (Water Music, Suite No 1 in F: English Baroque Soloists under John Eliot Gardiner); **11.29** Edward Greenfield looks back at EMI's reissues last year in their *British Composers* series; **12.31pm** Elgar (The Kingdom, scene 3, Pentecost: London Philharmonic Choir and Orchestra under Adrian Boult)
1.00pm News 1.05 Schubert's Piano Sonatas: Andras Schiff plays Sonata in E, D157; Sonata in A, D664; Sonata in C minor, D958. Including at **1.55** Interval Reading
2.40 You, Faithful? You, Constant? Emma Kirkby, soprano; Academy of Ancient Music under Christopher Hogwood, harpsichord, perform Handel (Tu fedel? Tu costante?)
3.00 Leonard Bernstein: Bernstein and the Jazz Influence. Bernstein (Prelude, Fugue and Riffs: Benny Goodman, clarinet: Columbia Jazz Combo); Copland (Suite, Billy the Kid); Bernstein (Suite, On the Waterfront: New York Philharmonic); Bernstein (Confession, Mass); Gershwin (Rhapsody in Blue: Columbia SO); Bernstein (The Masque, Symphony No 2: Philippe Entremont, piano; New York Philharmonic); Milhaud (La création du monde: French National Orchestra)
5.00 Jazz Record Requests, with Geoffrey Smith
5.45 Third Opinion: Christopher Cook visits Glasgow's Mayfest
6.30 Falstaff: See Choice
8.50 The Big Fight Fiasco of 1467: Sydney Angelo explores the connection between the Joe Louis-Max Schmeling fight of June 22, 1938, and the Smithfield Tournament of June 11, 1467, between Anthony Woodville Lord Scales and "The Great Bastard of Burgundy"
9.10 Barbican Piano Trio: Rebecca Holt, piano, Sophie Barber, violin, Robert Max, cello, perform Mozart (Piano Trio in G, K496); Martinů (Five Bergerettes); Schumann (Piano Trio in F, Op 80)
10.30 Lionel Hampton and His Golden Men of Jazz: Alyn Shipton introduces Lionel Hampton recorded in concert at the Symphony Hall, Birmingham. His band includes Harry "Sweets" Edison and Benny Bailey, trumpets, Benny Golson and Andy McGhee, saxophones, Al Grey, trombone, Junior Mance, piano, Jimmy Wood, bass, and Bobby Durham, drums
12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** The Farming Week **6.50** Prayer for the Day **6.55** Weather **7.00** Today, incl **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **7.20** Listeners' Letters **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **7.55** Weather **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Sport on 4
9.30 Breakaway: Eddie Mair presents holiday news
10.00 News; Loose Ends: Conversation with Ned Sherrin, John Walters, Emma Freud and Arthur Smith
11.00 News; The Week in Westminster
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 Money Box, presented by Alison Mitchell
12.25pm The News Quiz hosted by Barry Took **12.55** Weather
1.00 News
1.10 Any Questions? Sue MacGregor chairs a discussion in Brecon, Powys. The panellists are Noreen Bray, equal opportunities commissioner for Wales; Alex Carlisle, employment spokesman for the Liberal Democrats; Dr Kim Howells, MP; and David Hunt, the Welsh secretary (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News, Any Answers? 071-580 4444: Ring Sue MacGregor from 12.30pm
2.30 The Second Mrs Tanqueray: Arthur Wing Pinero's tragic drama, adapted by Sue Wilson. Gary Bond stars as Aubrey Tanqueray, whose relationship with his daughter is threatened by the ghosts of his wife's past (r)
4.00 News; Ice Cream to Eskimos: Marcus Leigh presents the penultimate report on three advertising agencies working on awkward accounts
4.30 Science Now, presented by Peter Evans
5.00 The Living World: Jessica Holm investigates the origins of fritillary
5.25 Tea Junction with Patrick Hannan **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 News and **Sports Round-Up**
6.25 Week Ending: A satirical review of the week's news (r)
6.50 Ad Lib: See Choice
7.20 Kaleidoscope: UK Masala. Shaila Parthasarathi reports on the new vitality of south Asian arts in Britain
7.50 Saturday Night Theatre: Between Two Worlds, by William Stanton. Newly released from prison for leaking a government secret, Miranda (Geraldine James) travels to the Caribbean to celebrate her freedom
9.20 Music in Mind: Brian Kay presents favourite melodies
9.50 Ten to Ten 9.59 Weather
10.00 News
10.15 Trivia Test Match: Brian Johnston umpires another test of wit and general knowledge from Shamley Green Cricket Club, Surrey. Taking the crease: Tim Rice and Willie Rushton, with Paul Merton and Caroline Quentin (r)
10.45 Nobody's Perfect: Neil Walker talks to estate agents Anne and Ricky Smith who reveal that their clients can be as cut-throat as the current housing market
11.00 Richard Baker Compares Notes with Donald Swann (r)
11.30 Dracula: Bram Stoker's vampire tale (r)
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

Ad Lib: Nuns. *Radio 4, 6.50pm.*
On one point, the group of Carmelite nuns in North Wales who spend a cheerful half-hour in the company of Robert Robinson are on the same wavelength. "You won't find any feminists here" one of them says, echoing the collective view of God as the perfect image of a father. "I'm not much of a feminist myself", replies Robinson, always the perfect guest. His hostesses belong to an enclosed order. When they reveal that they are, nevertheless, assessed for income tax, Robinson characteristically observes: "And you thought you'd turned your backs on the world!".

Falstaff. *Radio 3, 6.30pm.*
A smile adds a thread to life's tapestry, wrote Laurence Stern in *Tristram Shandy*. The English National Opera took the quote as their inspiration for their high-spirited 1992 production of Verdi's last opera starring Benjamin Luxon as the errant knight. Stern's dictum applies equally well to this production by the Vienna State Opera, in which Luxon repeats his Rabelaisian role, this time under the baton of Seiji Ozawa, a Verdi specialist. **Peter Davalle**

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SUNDAY TELEVISION AND RADIO

BBC1

7.00 Ceefax (68016)
7.30 Wiz Bang (r) (s) (2742489) **7.40 Charlie Chalk** (r). (2722625) **7.55 Playdays** (r). (5766847)
8.15 Breakfast With Frost with **News** and weather at **8.15** and **9.00** (735489)
9.15 In Touch with Healing (r). (9621052)
9.30 This is the Day: Coast To Coast. *Cross-country* journey with Judy Merry (99480)
10.00 See Hear! With signing and subtitles (s) (75996)
10.30 Deutschland Heute: Würzburg. Aspects of modern Germany (9135828)
10.45 Italianissimo. How Italians spend their leisure time (r) (9123083)
11.00 Work is a Four-Letter Word How to work together effectively (r). (s) (2996)
11.30 Business Matters. The prospects for family companies (r). (3625)
12.00 A Cook's Tour of France. Mireille Johnston visits *Brittany (r) (s) (92002)*
12.30 CountryFile. Rural issues explored by John Craven (1068644) Wales: A Second Chance 12.30 Between Ourselves **12.55 Weather** (18341557)
1.00 News *(77487625)* **1.05 On the Record** presented by Jonathan Dimbleby and John Cole (1403915)
2.00 EastEnders. Omnibus edition. (Ceefax) (76625)
3.00 Film: Cat Ballou (1965) Spoof Western starring Jane Fonda, *Lee Marvin. A* schoolteacher turns outlaw when a killer threatens her father. Directed by Elliot Silverstein (82306083)
4.35 Cartoon (4291170)
4.40 The Eurovision Song Contest Preview. *Gloria* Hunniford with entries that include Britain's song, "Better the Devil You Know" (s) (4484977)
5.25 Lifeline Michael Buerk appeals on behalf of the African Medical *and Research Foundation, which* provides a flying doctor service (8519354)
5.35 Masterchef. Amateur cooks' competition presented by Loyd Grossman. Judges: chef Rose Grey and journalist *Alan Coren (495847)*
6.10 News with Moira Stuart. Weather (245828)
6.25 Praise Be! Thora Hird introduces hymns chosen by viewers (s) (712151)
7.00 Last of the Summer Wine *starring Bill Owen, Peter* Sallis and Brian Wilde. Compo's financial future takes a turn for the better (r). (Teletext) (s) (9441)

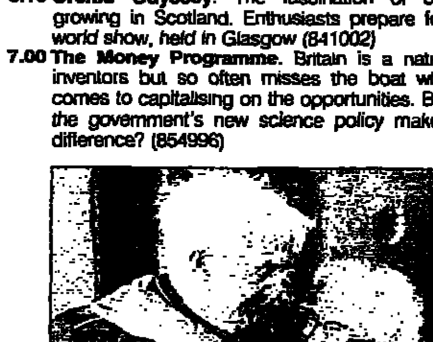


Lethal: dart-thrower David Calder (7.30pm)

7.30 The Inspector Alleyn Mysteries. Period detective *drama starring Patrick Malahide. Robert Legge* (David Calder) kills an eminent barrister with a dart. (Teletext) (s) (16892880)
9.10 A Year in Provence starring John Thaw and *Lindsay Duncan. Based on the Peter Mayle book.* (s) (929536)
9.45 News and weather (828441)
10.00 Mastermind. Magnus Magnusson conducts the fourth semi-final from Bath. Specialist subjects are The Beatles; C.S. Lewis; the solar system; and Frederick Delius (s) (93731)
10.30 Everyman. A study of 15,000 teenagers reveals their values and ambitions, in the wake of the death of Jamie Bulger in Liverpool (179625)
11.10 Hidden Assets. Two documentaries about women in the workplace. (392644)
11.40 Seabrook's Year (r). A critical year in the life of a shepherd and freelance farmworker (172002)
12.10 Weather (3195942)

BBC2

6.40 Open University (33853147)
9.10 Thundercats Cartoon adventures (r) (7308538)
9.30 Jonny Briggs. Episode six (r) (2848199)
9.45 The Movie Game presented by Jonathon Morris (r) (s) (2542460) **10.10 Rugrats**. Cartoon (s) (5571538)
10.35 Grange Hill. Part six of original nine-part series. Tucker takes on too much when he dares Benny to explore a deserted warehouse (r) (6328460)
11.00 Blue Peter Omnibus. The best of the week (s) (6098)
11.30 The All New Popeye Show (r). Adventures with the cartoon sailor (4170151)
11.45 The O Zone Fast-moving music magazine (s) (4175606)
12.00 Regional Westminster Programmes (90644)
12.30 Sunday Grandstand introduced by Steve Rider. Rugby Union: highlights of yesterday's SWALEC Welsh Cup final at Cardiff between Llanelli and Neath **12.35** Motor Racing: Spanish grand prix from Barcelona with commentary by Murray Walker, James Hunt and Jonathan Palmer **12.45** Badminton Horse Trials: highlights of yesterday's cross-country and today's show jumping. Commentary by Michael Tucker, Lorna Clark and Lucinda Green; **2.45** Golf: the Benson and Hedges International from St Mellion, Cornwall. Plus Cricket: action from the AXA Equity and Law Sunday league match between Middlesex and Kent at Lord's (38520267)
6.10 Orchid Odyssey. The fascination of orchid-growing in Scotland. Enthusiasts prepare for the *world show, held in Glasgow (841002)*
7.00 The Money Programme. Britain is a nation of inventors but so often misses the boat when it comes to capitalising on the opportunities. But *will the government's new science policy make any* difference? (854996)



Survivor: David Taylor with his wife (7.40pm)

7.40 The Nineties. In 1900 one child in six died before its sixth birthday in Britain. Personal recollections of the *early 20th century include the struggle against* disease and poverty in the slums of London and Rotherham (s) (263996)
8.20 Every Picture Tells A Story. (Ceefax) See Choice (190642)
9.05 Match Of The Day Highlights of today's two Premier League Matches: Wimbledon v Manchester United and Queens Park Rangers v Aston Villa (335422)
9.50 Grand Prix. Formula 1 motor racing highlights from Barcelona (437985)
10.30 Richard Eyre Season: Comedians by Trevor Griffiths. *Produced and directed by the Royal* National Theatre director. Eddie Walters, a retired comic, gives an evening class for six aspiring comedians. Starring Bill Fraser and Jonathan Pryce (r) (61407151) Ends at **12.10am**

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CHOICE



Ruffling feathers: Serena Scott Thomas (ITV, 9.00pm)

Harnessing Peacocks
ITV. 9.00pm.

Mary Wesley of *The Camomile Lawn* is the source for this more decorous but still sexually charged story of Hebe (*Serena Scott Thomas*), an unmarried mother who cooks for old ladies and sells her body to wealthy philanderers. Two enigmas sustain a narrative which flows smoothly but tends to cram too many sub-plots *into too little space. One is the identity of the man who* fathered Hebe's 12-year-old son. The other is the role of Peter Davison, who is given star billing but disappears from the action for long periods. While *pondering these puzzles you can enjoy a handsome* production, relishable playing by veterans Reneé Asherson, Brenda Bruce and John Mills and a witty script by master adapter Andrew Davies.

Defenders of the Wild: Keeper of the Congo
Channel 4, 7.00pm

Tonight's conservationist hero is Dr Rufkin Oko, described in Julian Pettifer's commentary as "the academic with the AK 47 rifle". His scholarship has led to him to a deep affection for the animal world, particularly primates. His gun is employed to protect the wildlife of his native Congo from gangs of poachers. Oko's beat is the Odzala National Park, part of the west African rainforest, where gorillas, chimpanzees and elephants are all under threat. *Elephants are killed for their ivory tusks, chimps are* sold for up to £7,000 on the black market. Oko and his team of armed rangers do their best to root out the poachers, but as the country is close to bankruptcy the *only hope lies with help from outside bodies.*

Every Picture Tells a Story: The Bayeux Tapestry
BBC2. 8.20pm

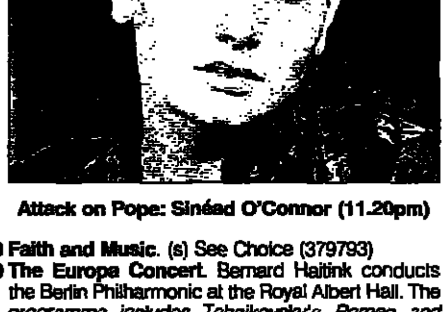
The jaunty Clive Anderson rounds off the series on famous works of art by looking at the story behind the Bayeux Tapestry. In Normandy he shows off his knowledge of French and ponders the tapestry's more ambiguous images. In Reading he reveals how a Victorian copy left out all the naughty bits. In Sussex he shows how on the most famous date in British history the moustachioed English were bested by the clean-shaven Normans. Lobbing in jokes along the way, Anderson will make many viewers wish he had been their school history teacher. The programme is further enlivened by a typically anti-European contribution from Tony Benn, who sees William the Conqueror as a forerunner of Jacques Delors.

Faith and Music
ITV, times vary

Sinéad O'Connor launches a series in which variously outrageous rock stars talk about life, work and God. *O'Connor's main contribution to the subject hitherto* was tearing up a photograph of the Pope on an American television show. The gesture was carefully planned, she reveals, and she has no regrets. *O'Connor relates how she was battered by a violent* mother and explains how she holds the Roman Catholic church responsible. Hence the symbolic attack on the Pope. But she still believes in God. Video clips of the *shaven-headed singer contrast with her* appearance here, sporting attractive dark hair and a neat blue jacket.
Peter Waymark

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (6285460)
9.25 Heidi. New drama series adapted from the classic novel. Heidi has been abandoned. Her future now lies with her grandfather (1833625)
9.50 The New Adventures of Black Beauty. Australian children's drama. Vicky (Amber McWilliams) is disturbed by a conversation she overhears (s) (2527151)
10.20 The Littlest Hobo. The German shepherd dog meets up with two adventurous boys (5564248)
10.45 Link. Profile of Diane Pungartnik, an actress and cabaret artist who has epilepsy (Teletext) (9118151)
11.00 Morning Worship from St John the Baptist Church, Kirk Hammerton, near York (27847)
12.00 This Sunday. Celebrity guests discuss their faith with Paul Heiney and Jenni Murray (87170)
12.30 Crosstalk with guest John Prescott, shadow transport secretary. Also including a look at politics in the capital with London MPs David Mellor and Tony Banks, plus Ed Boyle's parliamentary sketch and Sally Arthur's vox pop spot (89444)
1.00 News with Tim Ewart and weather (75079118)
1.10 Walden. Sunday interviews with key politicians (s) (5258996)
2.00 The Dambusters! A documentary on the 50th anniversary examines the value of the raids on the Ruhr Valley dams and includes rare German archive film. Narrated by Richard Todd (3903)
2.30 The Match. Live action from the Newcastle United v Leicester City game Introduced by Ian St John. (s) (496286)
5.00 Gardening Roadshow. Transforming a concrete school playground, and a visit to the garden of TV cook Rustie Lee (Teletext) (s) (4837557)
5.45 Cartoon Time (378489)
6.00 London Tonight plus sports news (980489)
6.20 News with Julia Somerville and weather (856083)
6.30 Watching (r). Romantic comedy series starring Emma Wray and Paul Brown (Teletext) (r) (625)
7.00 Surprise, Surprise. Cilla Black with surprises and more emotional reunions. Barry Manilow, Cannon & Ball, Gloria Hunniford and Jimmy White join in the fun (Teletext) (s) (3118)
8.00 Heartbeat starring Nick Berry and Niamh Cusack. Series set in the 1960s about a London policeman transferred to the North Yorkshire moors. An outbreak of foot and mouth disease breaks out in a herd at a remote farm (Teletext) (s) (9538)
9.00 Harnessing Peacocks. (Teletext) (s) See Choice (2625)
11.00 News *with Julia Somerville and weather (669826)*

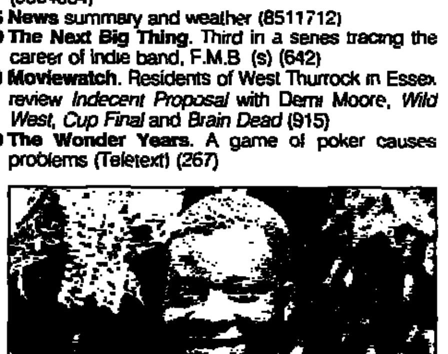


Attack on Pope: Sinéad O'Connor (11.20pm)

11.20 Faith and Music. (s) See Choice (379793)
11.50 The Europa Concert. Bernard Haitink conducts the Berlin Philharmonic at the Royal Albert Hall. The *programme includes Tchaikovsky's Romeo and Juliet* and Mozart's *Violin Concerto No 3 in G*, with Frank Zimmerman (s) (335489)
12.50 Cue The Music. Woodstock reunion concert *including Richie Havens and Canned Heat* (8309403)
1.55 TXT. Music and celebrity chat (8154126)
2.55 European Life. Magazine show (5768756)
3.30 Snooker. *European League: Steve Davis v James* Wattana (69107)
5.30 News (20671) Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Trans World Sport (r) (5034460)
6.55 Spiff and Hercules. Animation (8562248)
7.10 The Wombles. A competition is held for the best snowman (1511644)
7.15 Widget. Widget attempts to save earth's treasures (5426625)
7.40 Sharky and George. A greedy businessman intrudes (9975644)
8.05 Doug. Doug is mistaken for an artist (1197880)
8.35 The Adventures of Tintin. A mysterious illness strikes down the members of a South American expedition (6926880)
9.00 California Dreams. Teen drama (72246)
9.30 Dennis. Animated adventures (2833267)
9.45 Flipper. Flipper acts as Cupid (569248)
10.15 The Lone Ranger. A stranger learns the hard way about Western life (b/w) (584557)
10.45 Land of the Giants. Two giant orphans mistake Fitzhugh for a magic elf (707606)
11.45 Little House on the Prairie. Mary takes a teaching job (736118)
12.45 Film: Cover Girl (1944). Lavish Technicolor musical with Rita Hayworth as a nightclub dancer who heads for Broadway. Gene Kelly plays her true love. Directed by Charles Vidor (987335)
2.45 Football Italia. Live match between Inter Milan and Lazio (34223809)
5.00 Film: The Battle of Midway (1942, b/w). John Ford's Oscar-winning documentary about America's wartime conflict with Japan in the Pacific (9364064)
5.25 News summary and weather (8511712)
5.30 The Next Big Thing. Third in a series tracing the career of indie band, F.M.B (s) (642)
6.00 Moviewatch. Residents of West Thurrock in Essex review *Indecent Proposal* with Demi Moore, *Wild West, Cup Final* and *Brain Dead* (915)
6.30 The Wonder Years. A game of poker causes problems (Teletext) (267)



On the Congo beat: Dr Rufkin Oko (7.00pm)

7.00 Defenders of the Wild. See Choice (4460)
8.00 Very Jean Muir. The final programme looks at the craftsmanship of the British clothes designer *(Teletext) (s) (8199)*
8.30 Streetlegal. Callum MacRae asks whether coroners have so much power that they are a law unto themselves. Plus a report by Paul Foot on the *big bills sent out by some City solicitors. (7606)*
9.00 Film: Seize the Day (1986). British premiere of Saul Bellow's sombre short novel adapted for the screen with Robin Williams in the starring role as a failed *New York actor and salesman going through a* midlife crisis. Glenne Headly plays his Roman Catholic girlfriend who is disappointed that he refuses to divorce his wife With Joseph Wiseman, *Jerry Stiller and Tony Roberts Directed by Fielder* Cook (64939977)
10.50 Red Empire. A documentary on Stalin's Great Terror, which resulted in the death of some 20 *million Soviets (r) (9191422)*
11.55 Film: The Night (1991): The *Africa on Africa* season continues with director Mohamad Malas looking back on the terrible experiences of the town of *Kuneitra in the Golan Heights during the second* world war. In Lebanese Arabic with English subtitles (48069002). Ends at **2.05am**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 9.25am Bugs Bunny's 1001 Rabbit Tales (9472083) **10.05** Cartoon Time (5669151) **10.15-10.45** The Littlest *Hobo (586915)* **12.30pm-10** Shoot the Video (1053712) **2.00-2.30** Faith and Music (3903) **5.00** On Location with Heartbeat (4373) **5.30** Bullseye (460) **6.00-6.20** Anglia News (980489) **11.20** It's a Living: Sex, Lies *and Videotape (379793)* **11.50** *Quiz Night* (164083) **12.20am** Goliath Awaits (919132) **2.15** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (2074720) **2.40** The New Music (9781565) **3.40** Entertainment UK (1410584) **4.35** America's Top Ten *(16575132)* ***5.05-5.30*** *Jobfinder* (9587687)

BORDER

As London except: 9.25am Bugs Bunny's 1001 Rabbit Tales (9472083) **10.05** Cartoon Time (5669151) **10.15-10.45** The Littlest Hobo (586915) **12.30pm-1.00** Gardener's Diary (1053712) **2.00-2.30** Faith and Music (3903) **5.00** Scotsport (3880) **6.00-6.20** The Border Week (234712) **11.20** Love at First Sight The Eye of the Beholder (379793) **11.50** Quiz Night (164083) **12.20am** Goliath Awaits (919132) **2.15** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (2074720) **2.40** *The New Music (9781565)* **3.40** *Entertainment* UK (1410584) **4.35** America's Top Ten (16575132) **5.05-5.30** Jobfinder (9587687)

CENTRAL

As London except: 9.25am Bugs Bunny's 1001 Rabbit Tales (9472083) **10.05** Cartoon Time (5669151) **10.15-10.45** The Littlest Hobo (586915) **12.30pm-1.00** Central Newsweek (1053712) **2.00** Coach (3903) **2.30-2.45** Cartoon Time (8394373) **5.05** Wanted: Dead or Alive (4203915) ***5.35-6.20*** Highway to Heaven (196064) **11.50** Prisoner: Cell Block H (335489) **12.50am** Riviera (4009497) **1.45** ITV Chart Show (8230590) **2.55** Cue the Music (8678045) **4.15** Jobfinder (5832364) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye

HTV WEST

As London except: 9.25am Film: A Mother's Courage — The Mary Thomas Story (7843335) **10.15-10.45** The Littlest Hobo (586915) **12.30pm-1.00** HTV Newsweek (99444) **2.00** Faith and Music (3903) **2.30** Wrestling (2536441) **3.20** Cartoon Time (3072354) **3.25** Film: Pippi in the South Seas (54756996) **5.15-6.20** Highway to Heaven (609625) **11.20** Brewhouse Jazz (379793) **11.50** Quiz Night (164083) **12.20am** Goliath Awaits (919132) **2.15** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (2074720) **2.40** The New Music (9781565) **3.40** Entertainment UK (1410584) **4.35-5.05** American's Top Ten (16575132)

HTV WALES

As HTV West except: 12.30pm-1.00 Playback **2.30-3.20** Soccer Sunday

MERIDIAN

As London except: 9.25am Bugs Bunny: Rabbit Tales (9472083) ***10.05*** *Cartoon* (6139118) **10.15-10.45** The Littlest Hobo (586915) **12.30pm** Meridian This Week (1428996) **12.50-1.00** Meridian News (21044625) **2.00-2.30** Faith and Music (3903) **5.00** The Pier (4837557) ***5.45-6.20*** Fit to Win (480538) **11.20** Film: Family Reunion (252828) **1.10am** ITV Chart Show (6916774) **2.10** Kojak (1897328) **3.10** The Pier (5123313) **3.50** Derrick (9184294) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (95590)

TYNE TEES

As London except: 9.25am Film: Disney's Parent Trap IV (7843335) **10.15-10.45** The New Adventures of Black Beauty (586915) **12.25pm** The Littlest Hobo (3620070) **12.50-1.00** Tyne Tees News (21044625) **2.00-2.30** Faith and Music (3903) **5.20** Dinosaurs (9377538) **5.50-6.20** A Woman's Place Special (458064) **11.20** The Trials of Rosie O'Neill (593035) **12.20am** Quiz Night (8097687) **12.50** The Beat (9362300) **1.55** Film: Vishwatma (21824861) **5.05-5.30** Jobfinder (9587687)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 9.25am Bugs Bunny's 1001 Rabbit Tales (9472083) **10.05** Cartoon (5669151) **10.15-10.45** The Littlest Hobo (586915) **12.30pm-1.00** Westcountry Update (1053712) **2.00** Faith and Music **2.30** The Westcountry Match: Tiverton v Bridlington. Highlights of yesterday's FA Vase final (57880) **3.30** Film: He's Fired, *She's Hired (Wayne Rogers, Karen Valentine*, Elizabeth Ashley) (287286) **5.15** Brief Encounters (461267) **5.45-6.20** Heart of the Country (460538) **11.20** Married ..with Children (379793) **11.50** Quiz Night (164083) **12.20am** *Goliath Awaits (919132)* **2.15** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (2074720) **2.40** The New Music (9781565) **3.40** Entertainment UK (1410584) **4.35** America's Top Ten (16575132) **5.05-5.30** Jobfinder (9587687)

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Starts: 7.05 The Wombles (1596335) **7.10** Widget (5427354) **7.35** Sharky and George (9966996) **8.05** Doug (1116915) **8.30** Tintin (61996) **9.00** Jelfin (72248) **9.30** Dennis (2833267) **9.45** Flipper (569248) **10.15** The Lone Ranger (584557) **10.45** Land of the Giants (707606) **11.45** Little House on the Prairie (736118) **12.45** Mork and Mindy (655557) **1.15** Eune, Indiana (645170) **1.45** Fragile Earth (469719) **2.45** Football Italia (34223809) **5.00** Dechrau Canu Dechrau Canmol (2915) **5.30** Pobol Y Cwm (14966915) **7.15** Fe Hoffwn I (472373) **7.45** Hal Streeon (471644) **8.15** Datganiad Gwynne Howell (664644) **8.40** Newyddion (324915) **8.45** Sain Dwmod Ar Y Sul (880880) **9.00** True Stories. Blast 'Em (2732441) **10.25** Farewell Good Brother (5406466) **11.45** ENG (696373) **12.40** High Interest (6968949) **1.25** Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am Hour of Power (94606) **7.00** Fun Factory (5966625) **11.30** The Brady Bunch (66625) **12.00** WWF Challenge (48793) ***1.00pm*** *Robin of Sherwood (57441)* **2.00** The Love Boat (25915) **3.00** Xposure (3422) **3.30** Fashion TV (2422) **4.00** UK Top 40 (56248) **5.00** All American Wrestling (7002) **6.00** The Simpsons (44977) **7.00** The Young *Indiana Jones Chronicles (98712)* ***8.00*** *Fatal Vision*. First of a two-part mini series starring Karl Malden (85248) **10.00** Wiseguy (97083) **11.00** Hill Street Blues (55644) **12.00** Skytext

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (46557) **6.30** News and Business Report (146064) **9.30** Talking with David Frost (27064) **10.30** Talking with David Frost (97070) **11.30** The National Gallery — A Private View (12422) **12.30pm** *Financial Times* Reports (10286) **1.30** Target (11915) **2.30** Roving Report (84016) **3.30** The Lords (47828) **4.30** Memories of 1970-1991 (6083) **5.00** Live at Five (26354) **6.30** Roving Report (18915) **7.30** *Financial Times* Reports (9712) **9.30** Target (13151) **10.30** Roving Report (31335) **11.30** ABC News (57426) **12.30am** Those Were The Days (64749) **1.30** ABC News (33652) **2.30** Target (65300) **3.30** ABC News (40045) **4.30** The National Gallery (63381) **5.30-6.00** Beyond 2000 (48045)

SKY MOVIES PLUS

6.00am Showcase (68977)
8.00 Wuthering Heights (1970) Emily Brontë's love story starring Timothy Dalton and Anna Calder-Marshall (16267)
10.00 A Girl of the Limberlost (1990). Heather Fairfield befriends her neighbour Joanna Cassidy (63002)
12.00 The Greatest (1977) Muhammed Ali re-enacts his own life story (39118)
2.00pm Smokey and the Bandit II *(1980)*. Comedy starring Burt Reynolds (88335)
4.00 Talent for the Game (1991) Talent scout Edward James Olmos discovers baseball player Jeff Corbett (65098)
5.30 Xposure *Film news (6489)*
6.00 Oscar (1991). Gangster Sylvester Stallone tries to go straight (27259)
8.00 Gremlins 2: The New Batch (1990): A reptilian army wreaks havoc at a cable *network. Starring Zach Galligan (53624)*
10.00 Showdown in Little Tokyo (1991) Dolph Lundgren and Joe Dante combat Yakuza gangs in Los Angeles (9510064)
11.20 Eve of Destruction (1990) Rene Soutendijk tracks a military android (780286)
1.00am Loose Screws (1985) Comedy sequel to *Screwballs* (60687)
2.30 Mirage (1991). A group of teenagers is menaced by a black jeep (799687)
4.10 The Rape of Dr Willis (1991): *Victim Jaclyn Smith operates on her assailant* (3813923) Ends at **5.40**

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm David Copperfield (1934, b/w): Dickens's classic starring W.C. Fields and Lionel Barrymore (27168267)
6.20 Waterhole Three (1967): Confederate soldiers bury army gold in the desert. Starring James Coburn (90360422)
8.00 The Blues Brothers (1980): Cult musical comedy starring John Belushi and Dan Aykroyd (86368489)
10.10 The First Deadly Sin (1980): Frank Sinatra tracks a killer and visits wife Faye Dunaway in hospital (320793). Ends at **11.55**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Frankie and Johnny (1966): Elvis Presley musical (98847)
8.00 The Stooge (1952, b/w): Comedy with Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis (14809)
10.00 I Never Sang for My Father (1970): Gene Hackman cares for his tyrannical father Melvyn Douglas (61644)
12.00 I'll Take Sweden (1965). Romantic comedy starring Bob Hope (20460)
2.00pm Avalon (1990): Armin Mueller-Stahl is the head of an extended American-Jewish *family (24457644)*
4.05 Hansel and Gretel: Puppet animation (29234731)
6.00 Sarah, Plain and Tall (1991): Glenn Close answers Christopher Walken's advertisement for a wife and mother (99441)
8.00 Rambling Rose (1991): Laura Dern plays a 1930s temptress (53606)
10.00 White Palace (1990): James Spader falls in love with older woman Susan Sarandon (520606)
11.45 The Damned (1969). Luchino Visconti's drama about the rise of Nazism. Starring Dirk Bogarde (96985996)
2.20am Memories of Midnight (1991). Amnesiac Jane Seymour begins a new life with Omar Sharif (367497)
4.00 The Lonely Passion of Judith Hearne (1987): Spinster Maggie Smith searches for love (82687). Ends at **5.50**

SKY SPORTS

6.30am Fishing the West (59996) **7.00** European League Round-Up (67625) **8.00** Gillette World Sports Special (12489) **8.30** *Ringside Special*: Lennox Lewis v Tony Tucker (42828) **10.00** Goals on Sunday (7752460) **10.55** Superbikes (9486151) **11.30** Tennis: German Open (99977) **12.00** Super Sunday (4429002) **6.00pm** The Big League (48731) **8.00** Ringside Special. Lennox Lewis v Tony Tucker (52644) **9.30** US PGA Golf Bellsouth Classic, Georgia (23793) **11.00** Tennis German Open (53083) **1.00am** Superbikes (38923) **2.00-4.00** The Big League (27381)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Step Aerobics (72719) **8.00** Mountain Biking (90147) **8.30** Spanish Grand Prix (40688) **9.00** ATP Tennis (411880) **12.00** Boxing (30373) **1.00pm** Motor Racing Spanish Grand Prix (56809) **3.00** Basketball: USA v CIS (49880) **5.00** Benson and Hedges Golf (98809) **7.00** ATP Tennis (22278) **9.00** Motor Racing. Spanish Grand Prix (44915) **11.00** Benson and Hedges Golf (99002) **12.00-12.30am** Eurofun (46382)

UK GOLD

6.00am *Rainbow (35698977)* **6.15** Jamie and the Magic Torch (35619460) **6.30** Michael Bentine's Potty Time (1705731) **7.00** Chocky's Challenge (6572967) **7.30** Owl TV (7027052) **8.00** Lassie (8269809) **8.30** *Rentaghost (8251880)* **9.00** *Dr Who Omnibus* (54307118) **11.45** Film. A Man Alone (1955) starring Ray Milland (20400557)
1.05pm Film Appointment with Venus (1952, b/w) starring David Niven (24094267) **2.35** Sharon and Elsie (3621335) **3.10** The *Bill Omnibus (32185118)* ***5.30*** *Stalky and Co (4721606)* **6.00** The District Nurse (2166644) **7.00** Sorry! (4365625) **7.30** Sharon and Elsie (4731083) **8.00** A Horseman Riding By (4070441) **9.00** Film Gorky Park (1983) *starring William Hurt (54658002)* **11.20** Life Without George (3184118) **11.50** Colin's Sandwich (1160606) **12.20-1.30am** In Concert. REO Speedwagon (27616855)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am The Best of Jack in the Box (90826) **7.00** Commander Crumbcake (67002) **7.30** The Greatest Tune on Earth (53809) **8.00** Cartoon Classics (36083) **8.30** RatKan II (326248) **11.30** Cartoons (55557) **12.00** Marvel Hour (76199) **1.00pm** Okavango (85847) **2.00** 3-2-1 Contact (6557) **2.30** The Berklays (4248) **3.00** Chicken Minute (5064) ***3.30*** *Round the Bend (9793)* **4.00** Ralph S. Mouse (38880) **5.00** Kalts and Dog (7809) **5.30** Fifteen (8064) **6.00** Fame (65083)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Witness *to Change* **6.55** *Weather*
7.00 Sunday Morning Concert: V. Novak (Overture, Marysa); Mozart (Piano Concerto No 22 in E flat, K482); Schubert (Ballet No 2 in B minor, Rosamunde); Rodrigo (Concierto de Aranjuez); Debussy, orch Ravel (Tarantelle styrienne); Schubert (Symphony No 6 in C)
9.00 News
9.05 Brian Kay's Sunday Morning: Rossini (Overture, Il *Signor Bruschino): Artist of the* Week: Wynton Marsalis, trumpet, plays Johann Fasch (Concerto for trumpet, two oboes and strings); Anon (Trotto; Due Saltarelli; Istampita Ghaetta), Warlock (Capriol Suite); Lutoslawski (Paganini Variations); **9.44** *Composer of the Week* preview: Handel (Coronation Anthem No 4, My Heart is Inditing); Bliss (Suite, Things to *Come*), *Marsalis* (Aural Notes); Landini (Cara mie donna; La bionda trecca); Weber (Clarinet Concerto No 1 in F minor); Gorecki (Totus Tuus); Schubert (Moments musicaux, D780, Nos 4-6); Tippett (Fantasia concertante on a theme of Corelli); Predieri (Pace una Volta, *Zenobia); Rimsky-Korsakov (Capriccio espagnol)*
12.00 Spirit of the Age: Christopher *Page and the lutenist* Christopher Wilson examine how music-making is represented in paintings at the *National Gallery*
1.00pm News
1.05 Table Talk in the Sixties. Leslie Forbes samples high-tech instant foods
1.20 Youthful Mastery: Enescu (Octet in C, Op 7); Shostakovich (Prelude and Scherzo, Op 11); Mendelssohn (Octet in E flat Op 20) (r)
2.55 Handel Recorder Sonatas: Sonata in B flat, HWV 377; Sonata in A minor, HWV 362
3.15 BBC Symphony Orchestra, live from the Festival Hall, London. Andrew Davis conducts Berg (Violin Concerto: Kyoko Takezawa). **3.40** Mahler the Conductor by Jonathan Swain (r). **4.00** Mahler (Symphony No 5)
5.20 Debut: David Mattinson, baritone, Clare Toomer, piano. Fauré (Clair de lune; Green; Mandoline, Mélodies de Venise, Op 58), Butterworth (A Shropshire Lad): Quilter (Three *Shakespeare Songs*)
5.50 Howard Hartog Remembers: The late music impresario Howard Hartog in conversation with John Drummond (r)
6.50 A Breath of Virtuosity: Michael Collins, clarinet, and the City of London Sinfonia under Richard Hickox perform Copland (Clarinet Concerto); Lukas Foss (Clarinet Concerto)
7.30 Sunday Play. MacRune's Guevara, by John Spurling. The critic and aesthete Edward *Hotel (John Moffatt) attempts* to dramatise the life of Che Guevara, based on the works of the mad Scottish painter MacRune (Desmond Barrit)
9.10 BBC Philharmonic in Leeds and the Leeds Festival Chorus under Jerzy Maksymiuk perform Smirnov (Oratorio, A Song of *Liberty*); *Mozart* (Mass in C minor, K427)
10.50 Italian Baroque Violin Sonatas: Corelli (Sonata in A, *Op 5 No 6); Veracini* (Sonata in E, Op 1 No 11)
11.15 Music in Our Time. Hans Werner Henze's oratorio, *The Raft of the Medusa* (r)
12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Prelude **6.30** News; Morning Has Broken, incl Bells on Sunday from Neston Parish Church, South Wirral **6.55** Weather **7.00** News **7.10** Sunday Papers **7.15** The Living World (r) **7.40** Sunday **7.55** Weather **8.00** News **8.10** Sunday Papers
8.50 Roy Castle appeals for the *Week's Good Cause* on behalf of the National Youth Music Theatre **8.55** Weather
9.00 News 9.10 Sunday Papers
9.15 Letter from America *by* Alistair Cooke (r)
9.30 Morning Service from Emmanuel Church, South Croydon
10.15 The Archers. Omnibus edition
11.15 News Stand, presented by Sebastian Scott
11.30 Pick of the Week, presented by Chris Serle (r)
12.15pm Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's castaway is the political commentator John Cole **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World This Weekend, with James Cox **1.55** Shipping
2.00 Gardeners' Question Time: Members of the Snods Edge Garden Club, Northumberland, put their questions to Dr Stefan Buczacki, Fred Downham and Sid Robertson. *Chairman Clay Jones*
2.30 Classic Serial: Children of the Dead End. The final part of Patrick MacGill's novel
3.30 Cold Comfort: David McGillivray tracks the irresistible allure of ice-cream in Vermont and Soho
4.00 News; The Thin Blue Line: James Naughtie on United Nations peacekeeping (r)
4.47 Treasure Islands: The writer *and illustrator Judith Kerr* celebrates her seventieth birthday with Michael Rosen (r)
5.00 News; A Journal of a Tour to the Hebrides: The fifth of *six programmes in which* Martyn Wiley and Ian McMillan follow in the footsteps of Dr Samuel Johnson and James Boswell (r)
5.30 Poetry Please! Simon Rae hosts the second round of a poetry quiz from The Poetry Library in London. Liz *Lochhead and Eva Salzman* compete against Alan Jenkins and Mick Imlah **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.15 The Village: Real-life stories from Bentley in Hampshire (r)
6.30 Wilko's Spain: Tony Wilkinson visits *El Progreso*, the local paper of Lugo in Galicia (r)
7.00 In Business: BS 5750 — Dream or Nightmare? Nigel Cassidy reports (r)
7.30 Bookshelf: Is it *possible to* learn how to write, or is literary talent innate? (r)
8.00 Due to the Indisposition . . . See Choice
8.30 Reading Aloud: Give War a Chance. P.J. O'Rourke's thoughts on the Gulf war. Read by Stuart Milligan
9.00 The Natural History Programme: George Macpherson on the mayfly (r)
9.30 Special Assignment (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 News
10.15 Farewell, Fleet Street: After Wapping — What? See Choice
11.00 In Committee, with Michael Fairbairn
11.30 Seeds of Faith: Singing the Faith. Amid the triumphalism and complacency of Victorian hymns, Ian Bradley finds doubt and an angry social conscience
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** *Shipping* **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

Farewell, Fleet Street. *Radio 4, 10.15pm.*

David Wheeler's series about the British press ends on an upbeat note. True, there is a valediction in the title. *But the previous four episodes* have made it clear that this refers only to the dispersal of newspaper production from central London. None of the retired or still-active press men interviewed tonight has any doubts about the survival, and supremacy, of the printed word. This is despite stiff competition from the small screen and the microphone, and despite the unfortunate habit — of which one of tonight's contributors is guilty — of still referring to *The Guardian* as a Manchester organ.

Due to the Indisposition . . . *Radio 4, 8.00pm.*

Michael Bevis's report on theatre understudies depicts them as people fairly happy with their lot of having to wait in the wings. There is one notable exception among the stars interviewed. Victor Spinetti, when asked what he did while waiting, says he would sit in the dressing room muttering "Oh my God! I could do better than that!" as the voice of the actor whom he was understudying was relayed through the theatre's intercom.
Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Neale James (FM until **6.00am**) **7.00** Gary Davies **10.00** Dave Lee Travis **1.00pm** Number Ones on 1FM **2.30** Rockline **4.00** The UK Top 40 **7.00** The Official 1FM Album Chart **8.00** Anne Nightingale's *Request Show* **10.00** *Gary Davies* (FM from **12.00**) **1.00am** Claire Sturgess (FM)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Barbara Sturgeon **7.00** Don Maclean **9.05** John Sachs **10.30** Hayes on Sunday **12.00** Desmond Carrington **2.00pm** Benny Green **3.00** Alan Dell **4.00** Radio 2 Young Musician 1993 **4.30** Sing Something *Simple* (r) **5.00** Roger Royle **7.00** Richard Baker **8.30** Sunday *Half Hour* *Susan Moon receives* the BBC Choristers' Award **9.00** Alan Keith **10.00** Radio 2 Arts Programme: Barry Took traces British music hall traditions (1/2) **12.05am** John Terrett **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until **2.00pm**. **6.00am** World Service **6.30** Mark Curry **9.30** The Spring Queen (3/4) **10.00** Johnnie Walker **11.30** Fantasy Football League **12.40pm** Open Forum **1.00** Sunday Sport. Football: Wimbledon v Manchester Utd, QPR v Aston Villa; Cricket; Spanish Grand Prix; Benson and Hedges Golf **7.20** Open University. New Curiosity Shop — Hip and Head; **7.40** Europe and a Changing World — Trading Places; ***8.00*** *Luther and Music*, ***8.20*** *Market Economies in Russia* and China; **8.40** Maths — Differentiation; **9.00** Open Forum. **9.20** Art Works — Why the Enlightenment?; **9.40** Democracy in Africa **10.10-12.00** Across the Line

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All times in BST. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Sunday Feature. Tips für Touristen **5.30** Short Story: The Bowgada Birds **5.45** Pop the Question **6.00** Newshour **7.00** World News **7.10** News About Britain **7.15** Printer's Devil **7.30** Jazz for the Asking **8.00** News **8.30** From Our Own Correspondent **8.50** Write On **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Classics with Kay **10.00** News **10.05** *World Business Review* ***10.15*** *Short Story: The Bowgada Birds* **10.30** Folk Routes **10.45** Sport **11.00** News **11.01** Science in Action **11.30** BBC English **11.45** News and Press Review in German **Noon** News **12.30pm** The Ken Bruce Show **1.01** Play of the Week: Cider with Rosie **2.00** News **3.01** Cold Comfort **3.30** Anything Goes **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News and Features in German **5.00** News **5.10** News About Britain **5.15** Indians Abroad **5.45** Letter from America **6.00** BBC English **6.30** News and Features in German **8.00** In the Steps of Rachmaninov **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Folk Routes **9.30** Ned Sherrin's Counterpoint **10.00** News **11.10** News About Britain **11.15** Short Story: The Bowgada Birds **11.30** Letter from America **11.45** Sports Roundup **Midnight** News **12.05am** World Business Review **12.15** Classics with Kay **1.00** News **1.30** In Praise of God **2.01** When Madness Ruled the World **2.45** World Bandstand **3.00** News **3.30** Composer of the Month: Berlioz **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** Sport

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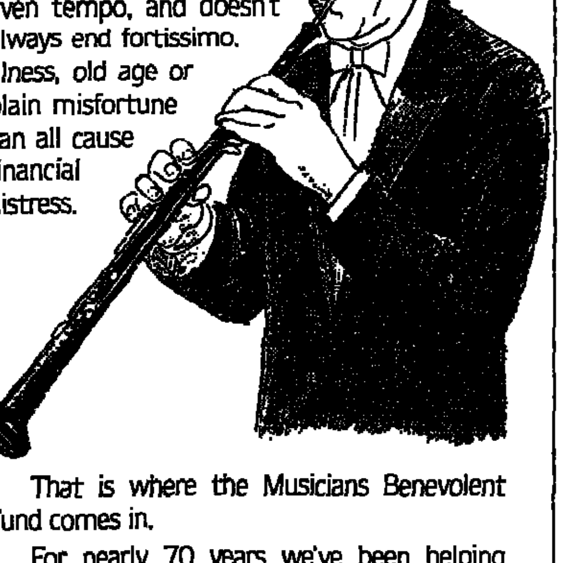
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DAVID FLUSFEDER PREVIEWS THE BEST OF NEXT WEEK'S TELEVISION

Appetites for sin, sex and sumo



War paint: the Japanese are appalled by British sumo wrestler George's "gangster" tattoos



There are two clear highlights of the week: *Harnessing Peacocks* (tomorrow), a wonderfully silly made-for-television film that tries to cram everything in and somehow gets away with it; and *40 Minutes* (Tuesday), about three British Sumo wrestlers abroad and adrift in Tokyo. They are also good at cramming everything in — they are dab hands at demolishing fry-ups — but it is after that their troubles begin.

Harnessing Peacocks
Tomorrow, ITV, 9pm
Adapted by Andrew Davies from Mary Wesley's novel, this is the craziest mix of social comedy, family drama and early 1970s porn film (but without the sex). It starts in tears, as young Hebe (played by Serena Scott Thomas), pregnant by an unknown father, runs away from her crusty, brutal family. Next scene, 12 years later: her boy is at an expensive school, and Hebe — blonde and beautiful with a knowing innocent smile on her face and a silly airport melody on the soundtrack — pays the bills by catering to the palates of lonely old women ("Two whole blissful grrrrrreedy weeks," trills one) and the sexual passions of frustrated men.

The story zips merrily about from Devon to Italy to the Scilly Isles. All the characters seem to have popped out from entirely different worlds, but they meet happily in a miscegenation of styles and genres. Peter Davison plays the gentle antiques dealer who is after Hebe; John Mills is his benevolent mentor, who somehow seems to know everything about everyone (and what is the sex secret of the Hôtel d'Angleterre in Paris, where the John Mills character seems to have taken every Home Counties' matron and batty aunt for a week of unsurpassed pleasure at some point in their lives?). The plot unfolds symmetrically and happily. Everyone gets his or her just deserts. And the highlight is the hilarious performance by Nicholas Le Prevost as the frenetic suitor, Mungo — the speed of his Jaguar tearing through country hedgerows represents his desperate sexual urges — who is the mouthpiece for some precise social observation ("Should we have a drink in there? Would that be a thing, do you think?")

Maiden Voyages: Belize
Tuesday, Channel 4, 8.30pm
Maureen is 78 and Margaret is 77. They are both widows, they share a bungalow in Wembley, and for the past 25 years they have spent as much time as they can travelling together (which they finance by working in shops and doing paper rounds). This journey has them going to the Central American republic of Belize, where they wander around the capital ("They say if you sit here on a Wednesday you will see the prime minister," "Oh, look! There he is!"), go snorkelling over the coral reef at San Pedro, and finally visit the Belize rainforest, of which they buy 11 acres to protect from future development.

They are a delightful pair ("we're everybody's grandmother"), usually kitted out identically in boots, shorts, T-shirts, a rucksack each, and a sunhat. They are delighted by each new thing they encounter ("Goodness," says Margaret at the sight of a Mayan ruin: "Goodness," says Maureen, equally impressed), and love each other's company, even if they good-humouredly bicker from time to time — "Oh, it's raining again." "It *is* a rainforest, Maureen."

40 Minutes: Three Big Men
Tuesday, BBC2, 9.50pm
A hilarious, fascinating and occasionally depressing film about the British sumo team competing in the world championships in Tokyo. Steve, the British champion, is the most serious about the sport ("we've got to win at any cost"). He is a large balding man with dainty table manners and a sharp face that looks as if it belongs to a much thinner person ("I don't have that many close friends — I like to think I don't have any friends"). George is a shy Geordie with tattoos covering most of his body. Until he discovered martial arts he was a bullied, miserable child. Terry is a London cabbie. He has great respect for the regimen required for sumo — "the training is eating. Eating and sleeping . . . that's the sort of life I love." Terry suffers from back problems but managed to come third in the British sumo championships — although that is not as big an achievement as it sound because Steve, George and Terry were the only competitors who turned up for it.

They welcome the trip to Japan, Terry especially, because it breaks up the monotony of waiting for his wife to have a baby. But when they get there, they do not have quite as good a time as they expected. George's tattoos are greeted with horror and laughter by the Japanese, who associate them only with gangsters, and he is forced to hide them and himself away. Terry is at first happy with Tokyo ("it's like London, except for the Japanese, of course") but he is suffering with his back and he soon becomes bitterly homesick ("I want a bag of chips," he says, after a large local meal, and happily discovers a Kentucky Fried Chicken franchise). Steve proudly spins his saloon-bar charmer's line, but instead of encouraging international relations, it gets them kicked out of the bar.

They get through their qualifying bouts, but then come a cropper in the main competition, despite Steve's tactic of filling Terry up with sake before his match. Steve is bitterly disgusted ("they let me down, to be honest"), and Terry, sake, back and all, has enough trouble getting in and out of the ring, let alone concentrating on his fight, which he contests in a stiffly uncommitted pat-a-cake way. It is funny to watch these men, presented to us as likeable grotesques, but depressing too, in the way that they act as a gross parody of the Englishman abroad.

True Stories: Children of Fate
Thursday, Channel 4, 9.35pm
In 1961, two Americans filmed a documentary about the Palermo slum of Cortille Casino, a place of ramshackle houses and huts divided by a railway track, which had a terrifyingly high rate of infant mortality, where one water fountain served the needs of 300 people, and fights between mobs of toothless women would break out whenever a political party in need of votes would throw out free food to supplement the regular diet of stale pasta.

Now the son of one of the original film-makers has returned to Sicily and caught up with the family that was featured in the original documentary. This film, which includes generous footage of the earlier one, is the result. In 1961, Angela was shown burying her eldest daughter. Thirty years later, another daughter is dying, this time of cancer. But it is not all heartbreaking. Angela has a tough dignity in the face of what most Sicilians would see as a bad fate. She has managed to leave Luigi, her demented violent husband, and she does her best to keep her children away from crime and the Mafia. Cortille Casino was demolished in 1968; it was an arena of crime, violence, prostitution and disease. But now, its former inhabitants look back with sentimental longing to their time there: "I'd give an arm to go back," says one.

Under the Sun: Monday's Girls
Thursday, BBC2, 9.40pm
It is an odd talent that Monday Moses has — to be able to detect transgressors from chastity by the shape of their nipples. But once a year this talent comes into its own. The *Iria* initiation into womanhood dates back to the 13th century and is still practised in its original form in the Nigerian island town of Ogoloma. First comes the body-adornment of indigo paint and charcoal, and then the bare-breasted display in the town square, where Monday Moses will employ her odd talent. Then the girls will have their legs loosely bound in copper rings and go off to spend five weeks in the fattening rooms, where they are waited on, pampered, massaged, play cards, do some dancing and get a little bored. Except this year only 13 of the 14 girls make it to the fattening rooms. Azikiye, daughter of one of the bowler-hatted chiefs, and student of music in the city, does not think it a good thing to show her breasts in public. So while the others sashay gracefully in turn to receive their certificate of chastity (the nervous ones calmed by strong beer provided by their fathers), Azikiye sits inside arguing with her family and then leaves the next day — in disgrace — to return to the city.

This beautiful programme shows all the stages of the five-week ritual, culminating in the final moonlit dance to the drums, witnessed by most of the town. "I'm not fat, but I've grown up," says one happy initiate. "There are some traditions people should forget," says Azikiye.

Public Eye: Hostage to Fortune
Friday, BBC2, 8pm
Richard Broady used to be the manager of a *bureau de change*. Late one night, on his way back from work, two men posing as police stopped his car before he had got to his house. They drove him back to his workplace, at gunpoint, telling him what the third member of the gang would do to his girlfriend if he failed to co-operate. He co-operated. He gave them the money and was dumped in nearby woodland with his hands tied.

A convicted armed robber cheerfully explains: "The more security they make, then you've got to find another way of getting that money." In the face of increasingly sophisticated security systems, the way, increasingly, is kidnapping. This programme, which shows how much more responsibility employers need to take to protect their staff, includes interviews with people who have suffered such tactics and have yet to recover from the trauma. Broady himself is unable to lose that feeling of utter vulnerability learnt from his kidnapping. If someone he does not know knocks on his front door, the only reaction available to him is to hide behind the sofa until the stranger has gone away.

Measure for Measure: Time
Friday, BBC2, 9.30pm
A playful jaunt through the history of calendars and time-keeping. It comes over a bit too much like a programme aimed at bored children with a pathologically short attention span, but there are some fascinating facts along the way — and a little nostalgia for Julius Caesar's calendar: if Augustus had not demanded his own month, turning his predecessor's system askew, then the months would have remained neatly alternating between 30 and 31 days, saving us all a lot of confusion.

BEST FILMS

TODAY
The Invisible Man 1933, US (BBC2, 3pm)
The Driver 1978, US (BBC1, 11.40pm)
TOMORROW
Cover Girl 1944, US (C4, 12.45pm)
Cat Ballou 1965, US (BBC1, 3pm)
MONDAY
Tender Mercies 1982, US (BBC2, 9pm)
TUESDAY
Scanners 1981, Can (C4, 10pm)
THURSDAY
The Long Hot Summer 1958, US (BBC1, 1.50pm)
FRIDAY
Things to Come 1936, GB (C4, 11.10pm)

BEST SPORT

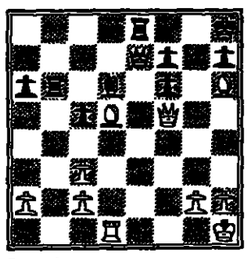
TODAY
Badminton Horse Trials (BBC1, 1.10pm)
TOMORROW
Grandstand: Spanish Grand Prix (BBC2, 12.30pm)
MONDAY
Standing Room Only (BBC2, 6.50pm)
WEDNESDAY
Open Space: Sit Down and Shut Up (BBC2, 7.40pm)

SCHLOCK

Rides (Friday, BBC1, 9.30pm)

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



This position is taken from the game Sokolov - Holzl, Czechoslovakia 1991. White has successfully broken up the black kingside and now finds a cunning move to finish off. What did he play?

Send your answer on a postcard with your name and address to: *The Times*, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN. The first three correct answers drawn on Thursday next week will win a British Chess Magazine book. The answer and the winners will be printed in *The Times* on the following Saturday.

Solution to last Saturday's competition: 1 Rd8+. The winners are: R. Gedling, Epsom; F. Davidson, Dereham; D. Orton, London N12.

WORD-WATCHING

By PHILIP HOWARD

ZAFTIG
a. Plump and sexy
b. Scottish children's game
c. Off one's rocker

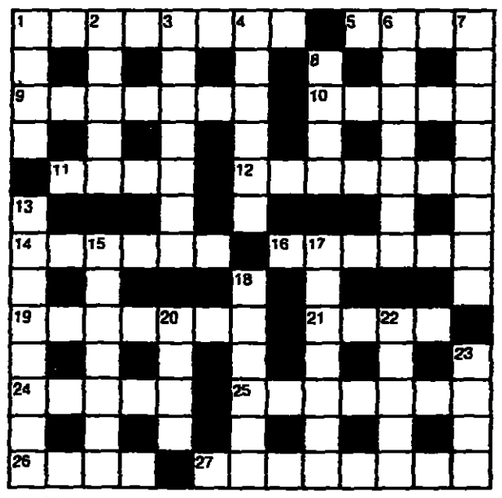
SHAMMA
a. A spurious master's degree
b. A Turkish hors d'oeuvre
c. A loose robe

DRAWCANSIR
a. A blustering bully
b. A species of goose
c. Chain body armour

EUPORISTON
a. A fordable river
b. A common medicine
c. A simple syllogism

Answers on page 13

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 3091



ACROSS
1 Cosmetic improvement (8)
5 Cain's brother (4)
9 Sovereign's locum period (7)
10 Heavy wool cloth (5)
11 Unruly child (4)
12 Roman sea god (7)
14 Stem division (6)
16 Wall candle bracket (6)
19 Jury decision (7)
21 Hard currency (4)
24 Nautical behind (5)
25 Cooking room (7)
26 Mislaid (4)
27 Gathering (8)

DOWN
1 Road split (4)
2 Tobacco leaf roll (5)
3 Madman (7)
4 Hurrying (6)
6 Arab nomad (7)
7 Delayed going (8)
8 Smack (4)
13 Especially (5,3)
15 Lung passages (7)
17 Divided oven dish (7)
18 Wager (6)
20 To interior (4)
22 Indian 'sir' (5)
23 Singular (4)

SOLUTIONS TO NO 3090

ACROSS: 1 Tag along 7 Caper 8 Edinburgh 9 Lap 10 Rate 11 Mammal 13 Merlin 14 Mess up 19 Classy 20 Pair 21 Tar 23 Foundling 24 Revue 25 Collagen

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A comic, but not a stripper

Funny business with someone close to the Comic Strip





DEBORAH BEER

Talent contestant: Keith Allen of the Comic Strip

KEITH Allen is nothing to do with the Comic Strip. "I'm nothing to with the Comic Strip; I'm not *in* it, I'm just close to it — mainly through Peter Richardson."

However, if you ask anyone who the Comic Strip actually is, everyone will say: "Rik and Ade, Dawn and Jenny, Peter and Keith." They *are* the Comic Strip. The Comic Strip is them. Allen is either being overly modest, or he has had a flaming row with all of them and this is the tail-end of a high-powered sulk.

So what is his view of Comic Strip?

"Well, I think that a year or so ago, I would not have been alone in saying that the Comic Strip had come to a natural end — or maybe even outstayed its welcome," he says, busily tucking into a sausage sandwich. He answers every question briskly, so the interview does not intrude too greatly on his breakfast. "But now I think it would be a great shame if there wasn't another series. I think this particular grouping of Comic Strip could do some really great stuff."

One of the Great British Gripes — along with moaning about how the summers are not as hot as they used to be — is that the Comic Strip is not as funny as it used to be.

"Yeah, well, in the old lot there were some absolute classics — but that was over seven or eight years. The drugs were stronger in those days," he says fondly, ladling more brown sauce on to his plate.

The Comic Strip was founded in the early 1980s. Peter Richardson started doing stand-up at Raymond's Revue Bar in sleaziest Soho; so when it came for a group name to be found, "Comic Strip" jumped to mind and nestled there like a little puppy. Allen had got into comedy because he was "bored out of my mind. I was doing theatre in Stockport, which was dull, so I came back to London and started a band called the Atoms — our rhythm guitarist couldn't play guitar. *Brilliant*. We only played talent contests, that was our thing, our rule. Weird thing is, we kept *winning*. But before you could say 'jackboots', I had this fascist following. Reactionary right-wing skinheads."

Why did they like him?

"Oh, it was my attitude. We'd start off very normal, crooning 'Fly Me To The Moon', and then I'd lean over the audience and start shouting things like, um . . ." (Anyone who desperately wants to know can send me a stamped addressed envelope.)

The second week that the Comedy Store opened, Allen was living in a squat in Harrow Road, and was dragged along to see the acts by a friend. Alexei Sayle was just starting his act — "half of which was lifted from a Situationist play he was in at the time," Allen adds, "and I saw what they were all doing, and I wanted in. So I thought up an act."

Which was?

"Well, I just got up on stage, looked at the audience and said, 'You're a bunch of wankers. What are you going to do about it?' "

Did you get beaten up?

"A bloke threw a bottle at me while I was playing a piano, and it completely missed me and smashed in the face of a guy who was just about to pour a pint of beer over my head. So this guy was standing there, crying, his girlfriend was screaming, and as they led the guy offstage, he shouted at me, 'You've ruined my Christmas.' Now what was all that about?" Allen squints into the sun quizzically.

So does he think comedians have it easier now?

"I've got no idea," he says blithely. "I don't go to comedy clubs, I don't watch television . . . Television comedy is changing now, anyway," he continues. "You're more likely to get a situation-based comedy now — à la *Absolutely Fabulous* — than you are to have *Saturday Night Live* or any programmes that profile new comedians."

Allen is happy being a mixture of things, however. As well as the Comic Strip, he is trying to lose two stone to play an Aids victim; plus he is directing a UB40 video. Allen has always had strong ties with the music industry — with New Order he co-wrote England's World Cup theme, which was at number one for months.

"Yeah, well, this year I'm putting all my efforts into writing the Welsh World Cup song, because I don't think England has got much of a chance, do you?"

Will it be written in Welsh?

"Haven't decided yet. But I want Anthony Hopkins introducing it, Tom Jones singing it, the Manic Street Preachers doing the music, and the Welsh male voice choir doing the 'sha-la-la' bits."

Allen looks up from the wreckage of his breakfast and grins. "That'd be good."

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